

the Listening Post

The Official Publication of the Gulf to Bay Recreation Association

VOLUME 11 - No. 1

December, 1990

Dear Neighbors:

Look at the calendar.....it's just about time to start counting the days until Christmas, and to think about all of our loved ones, near and far.

I am delighted to be "Acting Editor" for Art until he is on his feet again. He is biting at the bit to get back into the swing of things. The newsletter might be a little different from the past, but with the help of my street elves, neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, or balmy breezes will stop the news from coming to you.

There will be a new item in the paper called "Liars Corner" if you have any special fishing stories to share please remember to give it to your reporter, also you will note that we have a "Visitors Page". I am hoping that it will be a helpful and quick way for folks to be able to know who is coming and going in Gulf-to-Bay.

As you go through the pages of the newsletter you will find tucked in, here and there short stories and fun items that I hope you will enjoy.

December is going to be a very busy and exciting month, so please enjoy and stay healthy and happy.

Happy Holidays,

Ruellann Mac-Larlane





Greetings to Bay Park Residents,

Welcome back to all of our friends from "Up There". Here at the Park we have had a nice summer; with little rain, many sunny days, swimming, fishing, and fun. Why oh why did you go north?

Those of us who stayed continued to have community covered dish dinners and much fellowship. July 4th, there was a beach party at the Tiki with hot dogs and hamburgers and covered dishes. The Englewood Jaycees put on a lovely fireworks display on the beach. It was tough to sit on the beach, with the balmy breeze off the Gulf, a full moon and fireworks. We sent the Jaycees the balance of \$34.00 remaining after feeding 70 Park residents and friends.

On August 10th, a fish fry was held at the bayfront dock, with Ruthann and Ava cooking. This was followed by a picnic on September 2nd and another fishfry on September 15th. Ruth Arnholdt showed professional talent with her cooking. All three events were held at the bayfront dock; in the late evening, with a setting sun, and 35 people enjoying themselves with friends.

On October 11th, tropical storm Marco passed up the Gulf coast giving us much rain and a little breeze!! The beach was severely eroded but no other damage.

Visit the recreation hall and see the photos of the summer activities, including Sharkey Mac Farlanes 4 1/2 ft shark and Ava's 23 lb black drum.

Now let us continue this start with a good 1990-91 season. WELCOME BACK YA ALL.

Sincerely,

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Deputy Treasurer
Council Members

W. E. Pete Knowles
George Gallaher
Gladys Thorne
Dean Gould
Dot Manley
Rita Boulanger and Jean Croteau



Potpourri

Gulf to Bay Directory Changes:

Site 13 - In: Fred & Kay Bonk Out: Derrick & Iris Stone
Site 103- In: Betty Schwarz - Ken Abbe Out: Art & Ann Cady
Site 304- In: Marie Genest Out: Fred & Irene Kalagher
Site 26 - In: Richard Jett Out: Fred & Kay Bonk
Site 26B- Out: Marie Genest
Site 405- Desrochers Mass. phone: 413/593-9541
Site 502- Dottie Hall new address: 355 Spring St. Ext., Box 224, Clastonbury,
Ct. 06033, phone: Ct. 203/633-7198

December Activity Leader/Secretary - In: Gladys Thorne Out: Richard Brady
If there are any changes or mistakes in the directory, please notify office.

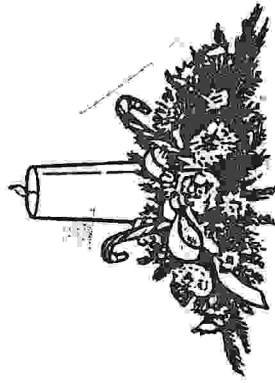
We would like to welcome the new folks in the park. Its great having you and hope you feel free to jump right in and enjoy the activities; whenever and wherever they might be.

Important Dates:

Dec: 7 10:00 AM in Rec. Hall, Cora and craft friends will have a craft show and sales. All items handmade - wonderful Christmas gifts!!
Dec: 8 Pancake Breakfast
Dec: 11 Disney Christmas Trip
Dec: 18 Christmas Party
Dec: 19 Busch Gardens Victorian Christmas

Sign up sheet on Travel Bulletin Board for all those interested in going to see the Christmas lights in Punta Gorda Isles. 50 people minimum needed to reserve boat. See Joan for details.

NOTE: Please save gallon milk and water jugs - rinse out and bring to Joan and Pauls the week before Christmas.



Fish Tales Liars Dock



Hot new item is the BOMBER LURE. Sharkey caught 4 snook the first day using it, 2 the second day and ---none since! But alas, Denny's business improved, 5 or 6 lures are now in action.

Ava's 23 lb. black drum can be seen in living color in the hall.

George and Vaughn are the experts on sheepheads, they can give you tips on the magic touch of the rod for a successful catch.

Dieticians Ruth and Bob Arnholt always have "fresh catch" on hand for park resident MORGAN. He is still going strong. It would be interesting for us new comers to know his age!

Jan Belli caught a 34" snook off the dock, and at Lous urging let the beautiful creature go. Did we hear muttering under her breath as she did so!!!

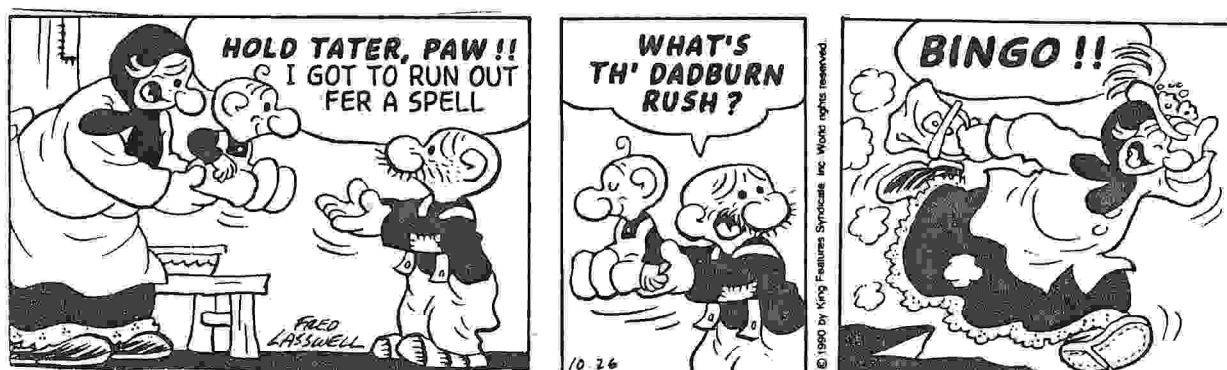
A few diehards have been braving the cold, windy evenings in the hope of a miracle shrimp run or catch the big one.

Fishing can be a team sport and to see and hear for yourself, just listen in on Bud Abbott and Lou Costello (comedy team) as one casts the pole and the other reels it in. Big decision comes when who's turn is it to take fish off the hook. Their fun and humor would make a great stage show. Got you guessing, initials are C and J.



ACTIVITIES

- BAND PRACTICE - each Tuesday at 11 AM to 12 noon, starting December 4th
- BIBLE STUDY - each Wednesday at 10 to 11 AM, starting Nov. 14th
- BINGO - each Monday and Friday at 7 PM
- BRIDGE - each Tuesday at 7 PM, starting Nov. 6th
- CRAFTS - each Friday at 10 AM to 12 noon.
- EUCHRE - each Thursday at 7 PM, starting Nov. 8th
- PINOCHLE - each Sunday at 7 PM, starting Nov. 4th
- POKER - each Wednesday at 7 PM
- LINE DANCING - each Tuesday at 2 to 4 PM, starting Dec. 18th



1990-91 Monthly Activity Leaders:

NOVEMBER	Jean Croteau	475-6356
DECEMBER	Gladys Thorne	474-4763
JANUARY	Rita Boulanger	475-5024
FEBRUARY	George Gallaher	474-3630
MARCH	Pete Knowles	475-3783
APRIL	Dean Gould (w/Easter)	474-9125

Scoop from Bayo Street, by Ruth Arnhol†

Welcome back to Wes and Allie Golkowski. As you might remember they weren't here long last year, due to a wedding, illness and the death of Allie's mother. But, it sure is good to have them back this year. If you see two people in a green john boat, paddling around in the bay, it's Wes and Allie. Enjoy it, you both deserve it.

Charlie Letch has been busy having a new floor put in his trailer and a new shanty built. He also became Grandpa again for the 10th time in October (baby girl); Congratulations, Grandpa! From all ports that call, Charlie has finally decided on a name for his boat, "Bottoms Up". It is an odd name for a boat, but I guess he has reasons.

Lavern Sumner arrived last week a little earlier than usual, and as last year had an "eventful" trip. Anyway, Welcome back, Lavern.

Sophie is busy this year decorating her new add-a-room. She is doing a great job - looks great gal.

Alice Hess didn't have any news. Glad to get back and as usual her fingers are flying with yarn and knitting needles.

Bernice Theiss was waiting to go to the Thanksgiving dinner when I stopped. She also is happy to be back and see her renovated trailer (inside) thanks to her daughter and son-in-law who live in Naples.

Norma and Jim Bishop were here but had to go home for deer season, plus Norma helps her sister make wreaths etc. for Christmas.

Jack and Anne Kintz had to make an emergency trip home due to his father taking ill. So we won't see them till after the first of the year. Prayers are with them for their Dad's speedy recovery.

If you want to see a great grandmother on "Cloud Nine" stop in and see Mabel Gaudett. She'll tell you all about that little girl, (Kaitlyn). I didn't get a chance to ask if she had any other news.

Terry and Vin, George and Florence, Larry Bilbert, Dick Brady, George and Ellie, Bob Napper and Mark and Ruth are not here yet.

George and Mary Ann are in and out and its hard to get any news from them.

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One neighbor told his wife, "I feel 10 years younger after I shave in the morning." She responded, "Did you ever think of shaving before going to bed"

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Jim Thorne has been busy putting a new floor in his trailer also. So I haven't seen much of he and Gladys. I think she is his helper. One of these days (he hopes) he'll be able to retire and sit down.

Florence Turk is glad to get back. Enjoying her new carpet that was installed this summer. She had a nasty cold but it is finally clearing up.

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At our traditional Christmas family gathering, relatives who hadn't seen one another for a year were catching up on news. One loud voice above the babble commented, "Looks like you've put on a little weight." The remark was addressed to my younger sister. However, all conversation in the room stopped as everyone responded, "Oh, maybe a couple of pounds."

Silent Night Holy Night



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Update from Aura Street, by Betty Baker

Welcome back Northerners, the park has been rather quiet without you.

We have new neighbors in Cady's place. They are currently improving it with the new porch and many flowers. Welcome Betty and Ken to our street. They hail from Michigan.

The grounds around Pat and Harriets mobilehome looks lovely. Lots of hard work getting it in shape.

We still are looking for the Bottenfields to come back by the bay. We hear that Bill was in the hospital. Say a special prayer for them.

Also heard that the Hutchinsons, in the next mobile home are delayed. Unfortunately he is also ill. Sure hope to see them soon.

Marge is back and into her busy bee schedule.

Lu Rogers is here and went home for a 6 weeks visit this summer.

The Carl Browns won't be down until the new year. He has been under the weather and we sure hope for a speedy recovery.

The summer went very quickly for me, your reporter. A trip to North Carolina to visit my brother and his wife. Then my trek carried me up to Michigan to my old hometown. There I saw my son, Dave and family. My granddaughter Carie and her friend Paige, from Reno, visited this summer for a few days. In Sept. I flew up to Indiana to visit friends for 2 weeks. Now it is time for me to settle into the busy schedule of a regular routine.

Edna also flew the coop for a couple of weeks to visit her family. She was glad to be back home after a very hectic trip. Of course she never sits still around Gulf-to-Bay. Not only busy all day, but then she walks every night, and I must say its brisk because I'm usually with her.

Ethel is back and busy in her garden. She is quite active and looks great.

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I was at the supermarket with my mother. The cashier attempted to pick up a large green pepper, but it flipped out of her hand and bounced down the length of the counter. Mom picked it up and gave it back saying, "That's okay. It was for a tossed salad anyway."

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Rick, on the first lot, is fine and busy with company.

The John Darling's aren't down and we all wonder if they'll come back!

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Household Hints

Sponge Skin So Soft around doors, windows, and on screens to keep those crawly critters out.

Use it to discourage hornets from building their nests. After using a hornet killing spray, remove the nest and keep the area sprayed with SSS, they will not rebuild in that area.



Now, the Arnholts are also busy. Have been all summer long - one of these days they are going to retire, seriously - ha!! We are both fine, no complaints. We also had No. 10 grandchild in Oct. and a girl. Have to keep up with the Jones' oops, excuse me, Letch's.

Dick Bovee was sick for a couple of weeks this summer, but he is feeling much better, it is great to see him strolling along outside with that pipe. Caresta was really busy this summer but things are settling down.

Phyllis Crosby went to Michigan in her motor home. She visited her son. Don't see her out much, guess she is talking on her radio now that she has her ham license.

Henny Henthorn invited me to see his paintings, which are breath taking. He just started to paint one of the tiki taken from a photo he took out in the gulf. It is going to be wonderful when finished. They are getting ready to go back to Ohio for the holidays.

Please don't forget, we are still collecting newspapers, just leave them on the table on the porch. Thanks a bunch.

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Christmas Stockings - Both shoes and stockings are ploys for collecting goodies from St. Nick who passes by on Dec. 24th. His partner leaves the big black sticks.

In Spain, Holland and Belgium, youngsters set out their shoes filled with carrots and hay for St. Nick's white horse. The horse endorses this, of course. The tradition of hanging stockings from the mantel started long ago when a poor man's daughter hung up her socks to dry. That night St. Nick came by and left a bag of gold in the stocking to provide a dowry for the daughter. The moral of the story goes this way: A lumpy stocking saves the day.

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Just In from Cielo Street, by Ruth Hicks and Jan Belli

Rex and Bonnie Smallwood arrived back in town in style, driving a new Ford. Good luck and happy traveling.

Ruth and Charlie Hicks would like to thank the individuals who trashed the front of their trailer in preparation of their return to Gulf-to-Bay. Wonder who they were???

Glad to say Phyllis McElroy is doing so well after her unfortunate accident at the airport. In the meantime, Tom is busy with the "Honey Do's". What a guy!!

A special welcome to Marie Genest to Cielo Street.

Rita Teehan was inducted into the Does on Nov. 13, guess what? It gives her another place to play Bingo.

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While I was shopping in a mall up north, I stopped in at Friendlys for nourishment. Overheard 2 young pregnant women talking. Sure, they all want to be grandmothers, and then what do they do, "Move to Florida".



Pete and Ava are expecting their first grandchild on Feb. 5th. Reports from new technology and photos points out, It's a girl!

Duck as you go by the Mac Farlane's. Rick is always flying sawdust around. He just finished building in a bed and drawer and storage unit in the master suite. Had a great summer and got involved woking with Wilma, "the turtle lady". Spent one night on the beach and got to see mama loggerhead come out of the gulf, climb the dunes, lay her nest. It took just over 2 hours.

Bill and Irene Stevensen are enjoying the birth of their first new great grandchild, her name is Taylor Catherine Gumbleton.

Jinks enjoyed her visit in the Park and seeing her old friends. Ham and his mother were seen daily on their walks. Ham would like to extend his personal appreciation. to the many people who gave a special lady, his mothe a heart warming welcome back. She is looking forward to a return visit.

Another warm welcome to Jan and Lou Belli, who are now permanent residents. Jan can be seen almost any time, down at the dock, fishing. She is truly dedicated, Lou gives her encouragment. They too, have just become grand-parents of a baby girl, Amanda Kimberly.

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Holiday Baking Tip - When using a needle to thread the decorated cookies for hanging. While threading the cookies, it's OK to mumble: "Please don't crumble!"

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Update of Cielo Court - by Audrey Grant

Welcome back to all our friends and neighbors from Cielo Court.

Joe and Pauline had daughter Michele Hall for a visit. They have now returned north and will be back in March.

Audrey and Cindy had visitors Kelsey and Stephanie Grant, and friend Dot Szuba from Westfield, Mass. Gary De Laney, from Salisbury, MD Audrey's brother visited Helen for her 91st birthday, a nice surprise.

Talked to Dean and Joanne and her shingles are much better. They are waiting for the birth of a grandchild in January before returning to Florida.

Joseph and Sadie made a trip to Rhode Island this summer.

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Why is it---

that a bad memory is so good at recalling things best forgotten?

that the easiest way to do anything is wrong?

that the scale in the doctor's office always weighs several pounds more than your own?

that THIS SIDE UP almost always reads UP THIS SIDE

that the newspapers you spread on the floor to catch paint spills are such fascinating reading.



News Flash from Dije Street - by Allison Brown

Fran Franz will be missing Christmas in the park. She will be meeting her daughter, Peggy Ann, in Conway, Arizona where they will spend the holidays with Fran's sister and family.

The Mastie household is pretty quiet, as Katey came down alone and Hank went deer hunting in the upper Peninsula of Michigan. Got his buck the opening morning. He is flying in Monday so I'm sure things will liven up!

Ruth Salmon reports that it is great to be back play shuffleboard, bingo, cards, etc. Her daughter, Elaine, flew down with her in Oct. and stayed a week. They did lots of swimming in the gulf and enjoyed fishing off the docks in the evening. She'll be back again in March and son Peter will arrive in Feb.

George and Joey Gallaher are spending the holidays with their family in Penna. They took a big sway of fish to treat the gang.

The Robinsons had a beautiful trip down from Iowa. Mother Nature put on a real show for them all the way. Son Jim came with them to share the driving and he visited for a week. He had such a good time on the beach and fishing that he was reluctant to leave. Chan and Hulda are so glad to be back with their friends.

Virginia and Ray DeMoss are glad to be back. They were expecting a tremendous outdoor cleanup job but George Gallaher sure helped clean up around the trailer, so it took a heavy load off. Made Ray happy since he is having some leg and back troubles. They saw Dortha and Bill Swickard before they left. Dortha is home from the hospital and doing fine. Probably be down about first part of January.

Marge and Peg DesRocher are expecting Marge's niece and her little 4 month old baby girl from Burlington, VT. on Dec. 7th. Will be nice to have a little baby here and we hope all goes well.

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OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

412 Dije St.

With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous gal. I'm seeing 5 gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (he doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed - with Ben Gay. What a life!!!

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SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS - CAPTAIN CLAYTON BROWN REPORTS THAT THIS SEASON'S LEAGUE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR 2 MATCHES PER WEEK FOR 6 WEEKS DURING THE SEASON. OUR FIRST MATCH WILL BE PLAYED ON DECEMBER 5th AT MOBILE GARDENS.



Whispers from Estada Street- by Helen Bleck

Everyone has returned to Estada Street except the Downings' who are expected in very soon.

Bill Exelby will be going home Dec. 18th for Christmas and will be returning on Jan. 8th. While there he will be helping to celebrate Alyse's 1st birthday.

Suzy and Alyse arrived to spend a week with Bill in Florida before he leaves for Michigan.

It is great to see Art getting around again, and hopefully he will be back into the midst of things again. We sure misshe and Marguerite's hustling and bustling around the park. Miss seeing them fishing in the evenings too.

.....An elderly man on the beach found a magic lamp. He picked it up and a genie appeared. "Because you have freed me, "the genie said," I will grant you a wish."

The man thought for a moment and then responded, "My brother and I had a fight 30 years ago and he hasn't spoken to me since. I wish that he would forgive me.

There was a thunderclap, and the genie declared, "Your wish has been granted. You know," the genie continued, "most men would have asked for wealth or fame. But you only wanted the love of your brother. Is it because you are old and dying?" "No way!" the man cried. "But my brother is, and he's worth about \$60 million.

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Gist from Golfo Street - by Etta Crosby

Proud grandparents Norma and Jean Croteau had a wonderful visit with their new granddaughter Kaitlyn and her parents Patty and Gary Coleman over the holiday. Four generations were together for the holiday with Mabel Gaudette, great grandmother rounding out the family gathering.

Jack and Fran Smith are expecting daughter Sally, son Wendell and Grandson Mike, over the Christmas holidays.

Floyd and Dorothy Crankshaw are happy to be back for another season in the sun and wish all a haplpy healthy holiday and God Bless.

Bill and Dortha Swickard are late. She had surgery on her hip but is doing well and hopes to be able to travel by the end of December.

We have another neighbor of the park. Jean Croteau has been a busy bee. Residents of Gulfo St. have lost count of how many yards, he cleared after their arrival and during the 90 degree heat. He and George should be nominated for "Neighbors of the Park" if there were such a nomination. Not a bad idea!.

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Around the Holiday Board - 19th century place cards were apples with whole cinnamon sticks sticking up like flag poles...with names flying at the top. Apples make jolly Santas, too. Toothpicks hold prune or walnut feet. Cloves make his eyes, and a head of marshmallow.



Odds N Ends but no Less Important

Fran Smith is again collecting Campbell soup labels for daughter Sally. She would appreciate all saving them for her.

Also, Charlie Letch is collecting Publix receipts for the local schools computer equipment.

Visitors Around the Park

Estada Street

Norm and Mil Durst - daughter Karen Kinsler and family and Mil's sister Mae Robinson and husband George.

Marguerite and Art Oestriech of Bloomington, Ind. and Thomas 5 and Caitlin, 3.

Joan and Paul Stunzig - son Duke and Linda, also son Jim.

Just out of the Marines, Christopher Dellert, brother David and sister Erin, visiting Ruth and Bud Hicks.

As a new resident of Gulf-to-Bay and now a editor helper, I must say that living here and also playing here is the best thing that has happened in our lives. We only experience this because of the warm and caring people in this park... A fine example of this is the committees that volunteer their time and energy to prepare sumptuous meals for us. I would like to extend a ROUND OF APPLAUSE for the Thanksgiving Dinner and the people that gave up their own holiday to make all of ours so much richer.

A very special thank you to all the street reporters who did such a good job in collecting the news and the Seasons Greeting. The monies collected will pay for this edition and hopefully we'll come out in the black, even though red is the Christmas color.

Also, to Ava Knowles for the use of her typewriter, privacy of her home to work in. (that is because she gave me the key to the castle)

Happy holidays folks!!

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Doctor to patient: "Diagnostic computers don't make mistakes, Mr. Jones. You have Dutch elm disease."

Mechanic to customer: "We adjusted your carburetor, reset your timing - and corrected our cash flow."

Man at pub to companion: "I had some words with my wife - and she had some paragraphs with me!"

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The reason you never see pictures of angels with whiskers is that most of them get there by a close shave.



"Me? Retired? Where did you get that idea?
I just got a new boss, that's all!"

Season's Greetings

MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS - LET US REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS

Edna
Ethel
Pat and Harriet
Betty and Ken
Richard
Lu
Betty
Marge

Phyllis Crosby
Emerson and Dorothy
Dick and Caresta
Alice
Lavern
Charles
John and Anne
Mabel
Bob and Mickey
George and Mary Ann
Jim and Gladys
Florence
Rose I.
Bob and Ruth

Audrey and Andy
Joseph and Sadie
Muriel and Bill
Fred and Lorretta
Joe and Pauline
Dean and Joanne

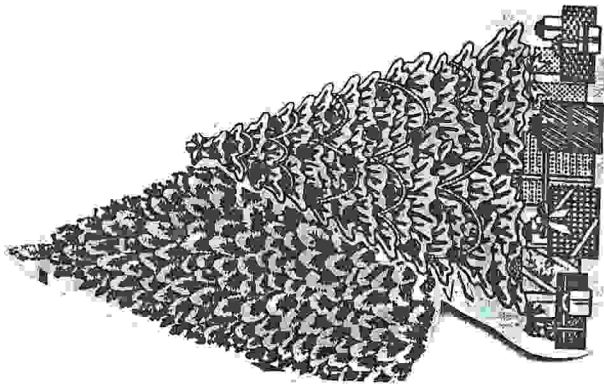
Rita and Mo
Ava and Pete
Bud
Bonnie and Rex
Bill and Irene
Marie
Isabelle and Willie
Ham and Jinks
Doris and Frank
Lou and Jan
Rick and Ruthann
Charlie and Ruth
Warren and Jean
Jim ?
Jane
Cora
Tom and Phyllis
Kenny

Fran and Marie
Marge and Peg
Roxanne
Anne
Ladeema and Bob
Clara
Hulda and Chan
Clarence
Jay and Jennie
Fran
Therese
Ruth

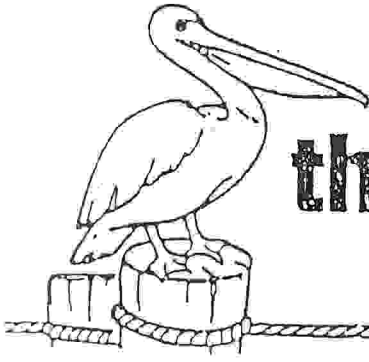
Charley and Shirley
Dorothy and Vaughn
Bob and Rita
Gene and Bea
George and Joey
Shirley
Hank and Katey
Brownie and Allison
Ray and Virginia

Norma and Jean
Floyd and Dorothy
Noble and Eleanor
Jack and Fran Smith
Etta and Freeman
Flo and Dick

Marge and Dick
Helen
Marguerite and Art
Joan and Paul
Norm and Mildred
Dottie
Les and Fay
Bill
Dot and Jim



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The December Committee was hit with all kinds of problems this year. The main problem was folks not being here for one reason or another which made the amount of busy hands a lot fewer than planned. A Gold Star to Dot Manley and all those that pulled it off. They did a great job under adverse conditions.

It was a real treat to walk the streets of the park and see all the different holiday decorations. Every street joined in with creative lighting and decorations. The trimming and lights on the tree on the bay side really brought thoughts of the north back to me as I smelled the delicious scent from the needles. I guess I was expecting a special breed of palm trees for holiday decorating and its been a pleasant experience to view everything, and just as beautiful, without snow and ice hanging all over it. Joan, Ruth and Jan did a grand job of putting the final touches after Paul, Bud and their elves put it up and installed the lights. A very special Thank You to the park management for supplying the tree.

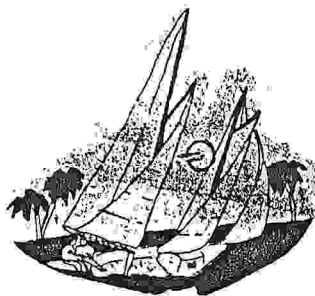
Let me not forget the super job Freeman did on the Tiki. If anyone needed an excuse to take a walk in the evening to the gulf, the Tiki was the "perfect" reason. The illuminaries gave it a fairy tale glow on Christmas Eve. In fact, we thought we heard sleigh bells and a HO HO HO approximately 11:37. The sound seemed like it was circling overhead so high tailed it out of there. Thanks Freeman.

All the folks that lit the wall sure earned an accolade from all that were fortunate to view the sight, and the carolling just put the finishing touch on a lovely night. There were quite a few cars driving thru, hoped they enjoyed it as much as we residents did. Joan and Paul, along with Marge and Peg added something new this year with the red and the green.

Cora and her crew report that their Fair was very successful, it even carried over into Saturday during the pancake breakfast. Hats off to all the dedicated and talented ladies who spent so many hours preparing for this annual event. By the way, Cora says, "there are empty chairs" so if you want to join in, the Welcome Mat is out.

The park is really hopping now that most folks have returned. The shuffleboard courts hum all day with the masters polishing their skills; Some dare to try and pull a ringer over Bob Arnholt. The deal of the cards at the hall vary with game and night. Furrowed brows, wet with perspiration dares the deal for THE CARD!!

NUMBERS! NUMBERS! NUMBERS! 'Tis the game of Bingo, a nerve wracking eye bailing game of chance that entraps so many. I admire the players I tried it a few times but I can't keep quiet or sit long enough, concentrate on more than one card and smoke at the same time. I just ain't got it. All is not lost though, I can walk and chew gum at the same time.



Sad News Folks!!! The January Carnival has been put on the back burner until more council members are here in the park. Putting on this gala affair takes a great deal of time, planning, leg work, and volunteers. Peter Knowles has had his back to the wall with every event and has been able to pull it thru, but this time he knows that it is a physical impossibility. So, until this changes the Carnival is on hold. This decision did not come easily, The few council members that are present have all agreed that this is the wisest decision.

MANY WILL BE SHOCKED TO FIND
WHEN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT NEARS,
THAT THERE'S A SPECIAL PLACE IN HEAVEN
SET ASIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS.
FURNISHED WITH BIG RECLINERS,
SATIN COUCHES AND FOOTSTOOLS:
WHERE THERE'S NO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN,
NO GROUP LEADERS OR CAR POOLS.
NO EAGER TEAM THAT NEEDS A COACH,
NO BAZAAR AND NO BAKE SALE!
THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO STAPLE,
NOT ONE THING TO FOLD OR MAIL.
TELEPHONE LISTS WILL BE OUTLAWED.
BUT A FINGER SNAP WILL BRING
COOL DRINKS AND GOURMET DINNERS,
AND RARE TREATS FIT FOR A KING.
YOU ASK, WHO WILL SERVE THESE
PRIVILEGED FEW AND WORK FOR ALL THEY'RE WORTH?
WHY, ALL THOSE WHO REAPED THE BENEFITS,
AND NOT ONCE VOLUNTEERED ON EARTH.

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Although I've been driving for many years, I've never had to fill the car with gas because my protective husband always does it for me. One day, however, the gas gauge showed near empty and I decided to try my hand at the self-service gas pump. Cautiously positioning the car just ahead of the pump as I had seen my husband do, I carefully read the instructions and proceeded to fill the tank. When the attendant approached to collect my money, I happily announced, "I've been driving for 12 years and this is the first time I've put gas in my car."

"Lady," he said, "if you tell me how you do it, we can both get rich."

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December 18th was the annual dinner and dance put on by the Council, through the generous support of the Park Management and owner. There was a BYOB Attitude Adjustment Hour; a catered dinner; and a dance with a live band. The new caterer "Culinary Creations of Venice" was outstanding. A very sincere Thank you and Best Wishes to Warren and Jean for their support.

Talk about perfect timing! How did you like the way we were closed in with pipes and sand dunes over the holiday. It was a real inconvenience for neighbors and their visitors but progress must go forth, or so they say.

Art Oestreich is coming along very well, but has decided at this point not to worry about editing this paper, so you're stuck with me for awhile. If anyone out there in Gulf-to-Bay land would like the job please raise your hand, or would like to help.

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While excavating an ancient grave on Manasota Key, two archeologists found an urn containing food to nourish the dead upon their reawakening. Curious about certain engravings on the urn, they called in a professor of hieroglyphics, who gave this translation: "Best if used before 2000 B.C."

Update from Aura Street, Betty Baker

Ken and Betty, our new neighbors, went to Arizona for the holidays. Visited their daughter. The weather was cold and snowy. They were wishing they were back in sunny Florida. While out west, they went to Mexico.

Lu went up to Longboat Key to her son Edwin's for Christmas Eve and then came home to have another dinner at the Hall. Lu is very busy crocheting a lovely bedspread. She has the biggest spool of thread to make this spread with. She is also making cute ear muffs and a fancy triangle scarf.

Boyd and Pat are here. They didn't have any news but are glad to be here. Boyd was busy planting his flowers.

Rich is away over to the east coast, so no news from that end of the street.

Ethel enjoyed Christmas dinner in the Hall. Then off to Margies for New Years Eve.

Edna is having her mother and sister visit this month.

My days were busy helping my daughter Sue move into her new home in Tampa. Lots of work packing and unpacking. My brother and wife came from Pinehurst, NC to have Christmas with us.

Marge wasn't home to talk with, but I know she is busy with her clubs and card games.

The Carmody's are expecting company soon. They enjoyed working on the Christmas dinner. Pat has a beautiful garden around the place.

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Concerned about fitness in my middle 50's, I enrolled in an aerobics class. To my dismay I walked into a room filled with much younger women and decided to combat my nervousness with humor. "I'm here to do my post-natal exercises," I told the instructor.

She gave me an appraising look. "How old is your baby?"

Twenty-six, I replied with a laugh.

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ROUTE CANALS

To reach the street named Hidea Way in Silverado Canyon, Calif. you need to take Thisa Way past Whila Way, Bypa Way, Thata Way and take the right fork. The left fork is Uppa Way.

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Deciding to do some back-yard landscaping, my dad and Jim went to the brickyard to buy a quantity of bricks. When he asked the sales-clerk about the cost, the man replied, "The more you buy, the cheaper they are."

"Is that so," dad said. "Then just keep loading them on my truck until they're free."

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Scoop from Bayo Street, Ruth Arnholt

Here it is, time again to find out all the news that has been happening on Bayo. It seems like only yesterday that I just did this.

Since last report, there has been a few that have arrived for the winter and we welcome them with "warm" arms.

Wes and Allie were here, went back home for the holiday and doctors appointments and have returned. Ditto the same for Jim and Gladys Thorne. It seems they had no trouble going home but getting back here was another story.

Charlie Letch flew out to Arizona to visit his daughter and will be returning around the 15th of Jan.

Welcome back to Ruth and Mark Dougerty. The first thing they did was get out their shuffleboard sticks and go down to the courts. Its a nice feeling to see the courts filled again.

Norma and Jim Bishop arrived this week coming from the upper Michigan Peninsula. Jim says never again! Larry Gilbert also arrived this week.

Last report we had on the Kintz's is that they don't think they will be back due to the illness of both of his parents. FLASH!!! Just got word they will be down around the end of the month. Good News

George Finnett has an aneurysm on his aorta and will require surgery. Florence says they will not be able to come down at all this year. I'll bet they'd like to hear from us from time to time. Keep those cards and letters going.

Rose Quimette shocked us all by having a heart attack and made a fast trip to the hospital. She is recuperating nicely at La Casa Grande on River. I saw her the other day and she looks good, but guess she has lots of resting to do.

Bob Nopper arrived Thursday. Had an uneventful trip down.

Stopped to see Alice Hess - nothing new there but she's busy with her crafts and dining out. Bernice Theiss was also doing crafts and talking to Ethel Cross. I love to go to see Bernice just to see her new projects.

Phyllis Crosby was also busy but in a different way. She's been busy with her ham radio. She went from novice to general in 10 months. I guess that means she's smart, and she is still studying.

Florence Turk had no news, just the regular routine. Love to look out her window and watch what goes on at 213!!

Back at 213, it really has been hectic. Went to the east coast for 9 days, and then upon returning get ready for the holiday. But that is what it is all about. Had daughter #2 surprise us for Christmas. Best present ever.

"DOING NOTHING IS THE MOST TIRESOME JOB IN THE WORLD BECAUSE YOU CANNOT QUIT AND REST"

Anonymous

Just In from Cielo Stree, by Ruth Hicks and Jan Belli

Irene and Bill Stevenson are expecting their daughter Pat, and son Mike, also daughter in-law Rena, Jan. 14th.

Cora Tysons family will be in for a visit, but she doesn't⁵ when they will arrive. Tie a string around your finger and remember; craft club meetings - Friday Mornings.

If you see Jane Wiley, walking around with a dazed expression, its because she had an extra day off and didn't know what to use the free time for.

Star Reporters of Cielo had a house tour of Billy Kelis and Isabells trailer. It is really beautiful, and we wish them many years of happiness and good health in their new place. By the way, have you noticed the farm animal adorning their yard. Her name is Claudette and a gift from Loretta Brandemill.

Roses to the December Committee and their helpers for the picture perfect decorations in the hall. The hall looked like a different place! Also, to Rex, Jim and Bud for putting up all the outside lights and taking them down. That is a rough job, but they did it in the true spirit of sharing and friendship.

Welcome to Ann Hodge, who hails from Peninsula, Ohio and is the new resident in Klingers trailer. She has been very busy working in her yard and doing the edge work along the road. Ann also enjoys looking at stars and heavenly bodies on a clear evening.

Phyllis and Tom McElroy will be leaving the Park, at the end of the season. They have lived here for 15 years and will miss the friendly atmosphere of Gulf-to-Bay. Phyllis says she's not saying good bye, just a see you soon!!!

George and Dolores Hommel will be arriving any day now, and I heard by the grape-vine they'll be sporting a new car. Happy Driving!!!

Ava and Pete Knowles spent the holidays in Wauchula, (means buzzards roost) with their 40+ clan under one, very large roof.

Jan and Lou Belli jaunted to Pinellas County to spend the holiday with 7 of their 9 children, plus a new grandchild named Amanda Catherine.

Ruth and Bud Hicks had quite a bit of excitement returning from visiting their daughter, Sharon, in PA. They were at Newark Airport from 7:45am till 6PM, getting bumped from one plane to another. Landing was supposed to be in Sarasota, but alas their nerves of steel were tested as they landed in Ft. Myers at 11:15pm. Got a ride from the Mac Farlanes to home, and next day Bud had to go to Sarasota to get their car and luggage. This is the way not to travel.

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"So you want another day off," snorted the office manager to his clerk. "I'm anxious to hear what excuse you have this time. You've been off for your grandfather's funeral 4 times." Replied the clerk, "Today my grandmother is getting married again.
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The News from Dije Street, Allison Brown

Christmas at the Masties was a little different with none of the family here - however son Den, Lori, Dennis Jr. and new baby Daniel came in the 30th for a month at the Boardwalk. Grandma Katey is in her glory, babysitting Daniel while the others enjoy the beach.

Bob and Rita Boulanger write, "We are happy to be back and we wish everyone a Happy New Year."

Fran Franz is back in the park after a holiday visit with her sister in Conway, Arkansas where her daughter Peggy Anne joined them. Peg flew in from Albuquerque. Arkansas had its worst storm in 50 years. Fran was mighty glad to return to the sun coast.

We're all happy to see Roxanne looking so well and getting out to all the activities. She doesn't miss a single event. Santa brought her a new automobile, and Roxanne is keeping it exercised. She says, "A Happy New Year to all my neighbors and friends."

Many thanks to the Council and to the Management for a wonderful Christmas Party. The food was excellent, and we enjoyed the pretty tables and the china table service. Very festive!

Ruth Salmon had a wonderful Christmas this year, spending it with the family and friends. All of us enjoyed the way our entire park was aglow with beautiful lights, especially the luminaries - Happy New Year Everyone!!

"It sure did look pretty in the park Christmas Eve" - The Des Rochers

Thanks to Vaughn and Dorothy for their beautiful window scene. We always enjoy it so much.

Not much news from Hulda and Chan except to say we are so fortunate to be at Gulf-to-Bay and soak up the beautiful sun after hearing the cold weather reports from back home.

Chan is enjoying the fishing with Vaughn and Hulda is back on the shuffle courts again, not doing too well, but glad to be back anyway. Enjoyed the holiday festivities, but glad its over for another year.

The Robert Carruthers had Donald Bessinger, Las Vegas; Jack Bessinger, Phoenix, Ariz. and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Opalewski and family from Deland, FL.

Wasn't our park beautiful Christmas Eve? Thanks to Joan and Paul for all their work preparing the luminaries for the sea wall. What a gift to Gulf-to-Bay. Also a thank you to all their helping hands.

It was a joy to look up the waterway at night and see the lights at the Nighswanders and the Stunzigs. All the decorations around the park were greatly appreciated.

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The family and I had completed the jungle cruise at Walt Disney World. It had been raining heavily and as we disembarked, the tour guide extended his hand. "Be careful," he said. This dock is built of hickory, and when it rains, it's a hickory, slippery dock."

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Whispers from Estada Street, Helen Bleck

Things have quieted down on our street, most visitors have left and though they're missed we're all quite happy to get back to our old routines.

The Hamiltons had a quiet but happy holiday.

We all, I'm sure, thank Dot Manley for taking over the Chairman's job of providing our park Christmas Dinner, for which her committee was most grateful.

Bill Exelby will be returning on Jan. 8th and will be pleased to return to sunny Gulf-to-Bay.

Joan and Paul Stunzig had a wonderful visit over the holidays from their sons Duke and Jim. Duke brought his fiancée Linda Armentaro with him and everyone had a ball. They went back rested and tan.

Joan urges all those who are signed up for trips to get their final payments in. The dates to remember are:
Jan. 23-- \$15. Bonita Sprg. Dog Races
Feb. 13 - \$15. Florida State Fair
Feb. 16 - PARADE OF LIGHTS & EDISON'S
March 5-7 - \$189. Orlando Spec./Universal Studios
March 21 - \$30. - Tampa Downs, Dinner, Chuck's Steak House

The walls at 502 are expanding. Dot Hall is very happy to have her brother and wife visiting from cold Connecticut.

Dot and Jim Manley were visited by their son and daughter in law, also their dear grandchild.

At 504 Ruth is enjoying a 3 week visit with Tina from North Olmsted, Ohio.

Oestrichs had their son and daughter-in-law visiting over the holidays, and enjoyed a few day trips.

Helen Bleck had her daughter and son-in-law also, along with grandson and his wife here for New Years Day.

The Dursts had company during the holidays, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter from Tiffin, Ohio, Mildred's sister and husband from Taveres, Fla. and Michigan. They celebrated 3 wedding anniversaries: 57, 50 and 22. Also celebrated New Years with 2 birthdays, Norm's and the granddaughter. They all had a great time, eating, shelling, swimming, fishing and hot card games.

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The little boy was caught by his teacher saying a most unsuitable word. "Jeffrey," she said, "you shouldn't use that word. Where did you hear it?"

"My daddy said it," the child responded.

"Well, that doesn't matter," she explained. "You don't even know what it means."

"I do too," Jeffrey corrected. "It means that the car won't start."

Gist from Golfo Street - Etta Crosby

Newest resident on Golfo is Richard Jett, who has settled in on Lot 13 for the rest of the winter. He is really enjoying the outdoors, people and Gulf-to-Bay.

New craft rage: Dot Kerber's daughter is making flower arrangements from plastic table ware. Very different and interesting.

Ben and Marcia Hartman had daughters Susan and Nancy here for the holiday. She and Ben had just returned from a Miami sale. Next sale is in Scotsdale.

Eleanor and Noble Paul spent Christmas with son Larry and his family in Bradenton.

Dorothy and Floyd Crankshaw enjoyed the holidays. They had a call from Lola Yakes and she says hello to all.

Charlie and Helen Verrill really enjoyed the Busch Gardens Trip. They had a visit from Helen's son who lives in Melbourne.

Jack and Fran Smith want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Thanks Jack for sharing your very special musical instrument and the music for the walkers who passed by your home on Christmas Eve.

Gene Hallett will be arriving Mon. 9th.

Bill and Dortha Swickard are due in around the middle of January.

Paul and Leda Dube are expected to arrive shortly and Dick and Flo Leeper will also be returning soon, likewise Jean and Norma Croteau.

A special Thank you to Dot Manley for chairing Christmas Dinner, a job well done Dot. Also a special thank you to Marge and Peg DesRochers, who after eating dinner, came back and helped the committee clean up.

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all at Gulf-to-Bay.

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The 3 leading reasons for going to a warmer climate are: December, January and February.

A man preparing for his daughter's wedding said things were going well because he had learned the 3 S's: sit down, shut up and shell out.

There are 3 subjects that make news: women, wampum and wrongdoing.

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A DATE TO REMEMBER AND SET ASIDE FOR FEB. SWEETHEART SOCIAL, FEB. 10t

*Gulf-to-Bay Mobile Homes, Assoc. Inc.
does all now due - pay to Jean Hall
\$5.00*



Potpourri

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 13, 1991 - January Dinner

January 19 - Pancake Breakfast

Council Members present in the park at the time of this edition

Peter Knowles
Dot Manley
Gladys Thorne

Don't forget to save those Campbell soup labels and give them to Fran Smith; Publix receipts to Charlie Letch, newspapers to Ruth Arnholt. By the way, Ruth would appreciate it if at any time she and Bob are away if you would kindly place the papers in brown paper bags.

If the park seems a little deserted the end of this month, it is because our cruisers are off and sailing again. Hope the weather and the seas are kind to them. It can be rough starting the day out with a bloody mary, but then again, someone has to do it!

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When the short hemlines came back into fashion I dug an old miniskirt out of my closet. I tried it on, but couldn't figure out what to do with the other leg.

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In the local church bulletin: "following the luncheon and speaker, the ladies involved in secret pals will exchange Christmas gifts and reveal themselves."

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Good Neighbor Jim Thorne is always willing to help anyone and seems to know just how to mend whatever is broken. One of these days, says Jim, "he is going to take time to sit down and think about retiring."

I apologize if this newsletter is not up to snuff, I am typing and creating under the influence of a major rehaul at the hands of my dentist. Speaking of not having both feet on the ground, my head feels like it is not attached at the shoulders.

HOT NEWS FLASH!!!!!!!

MONEY SAVER JANUARY DINNER \$2.50 SPECIAL - 1:PM

Meatloaf Pot Luck

Committee provides: meatloaf - with or without onions
rolls and butter, tea, coffee, Door Prizes.

You provide: A dish to serve your table of 8
vegetable or salad or dessert

Tickets on sale Wed, 9th, Thurs, 10th - 10-12noon. Sign up for the dish you will bring. Make your choice on onions in your meatloaf.

Plan your own table of 8 or sign up for your favorite table and take pot luck!!

Ruth Hicks came across a book called "Highlights of 1984." Author was Hampden F. Tener. This collection of poetry was Ham's last poems. Knowing he was loosing his long struggle against cancer, he was trying to put into words a summary of his philosophy towards life to share with his family and friends. For those of us who do not have one or didn't know Ham, I will be inserting a poem every month so look for the CUT N SAVE.

CUT N SAVE

YOUR WAY

Successful ones will listen well;
Will respond to all vibrations;
Will notice every changing mood;
Will be sensing all sensations.

As radio waves zoom through the air,
So do the best of beauty's waves.
If no receiver catches them
The beauty's lost and can't be saved.

Be sensitive --- be well aware
Of beauty in our every day;
Be one of those who always care,
And make recording it --- your way.

Auction

DON'T MISS THE SPECTACULAR

CARNIVAL

February 9, 10am?

it's ALL HERE!

Trucks

Tables

funnel cakes

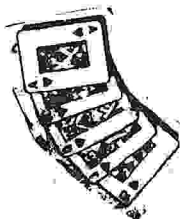
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ENTERTAINMENT

FUN AND GAMES!

PRIZE

MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES

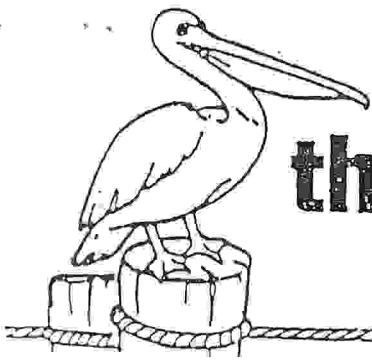


Flea Market

Band Parade - Concert 10 AM
Costume Parade to follow Band

Poker Wheel

Home made food table



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Have you noticed the flurry of activity all this month. Cars heading out early in the morning with 2 or more people in them; returning late afternoons, laden down with bags from Bealls, the mall, K Mart, shoe stores, men's shops. Hemming, taking in, letting out, ironing and cramming those suitcases, with new finery. All these little hints spell out CRUISE....I think Gulf-to-Bay could put on quite a fashion show. Sure hope the cruise meets all expectations.

Haven't been on a roller coaster since my teen years, but the month of January gave every indication of one, for all of us; the war crisis, temperatures, interest rates, gasoline, airline prices, medicare changes and last but not least taxes have been traveling the gambit of the UPS and DOWNS. If this is an indication of 1991 I can hardly wait to see what the rest of the year will bring.

As we celebrate President's Weekend, the Carnival and Sweetheart Social let us look around and ponder the beauty and friendship of our small community, a little tad of Utopia. Personally, I would like to see all our homes with yellow ribbons tied outside as a show of support for our Americans defending this land of ours. So if you feel inclined, please do so, or if you are fortunate enough to have a dock space hang Old Glory out there or a big ribbon.

It is wonderful to see the rest of our friends and neighbors trickling in. But what a greeting they got with the cold weather, but as they say, "at least it's not 6" of snow or freezing rain."

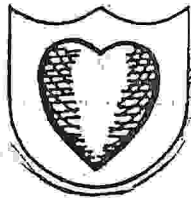
When we were putting together the January newsletter I kept feeling like something was missing. Lo and behold, after they were all passed out to the street reporters it hit me! The Liars Dock portion. Going thru my trash can, past the coffee grounds, soggy tea bags and potato peels I retrieved the master copy that had been to the printers. Sure enough, he hadn't copied that page. I called the printer and he said that he would print it so here tis. I apologize for news being held back. If it hadn't been for Ham's poetry on the back page it wouldn't have upset me so much.

The war crisis has put a small edge on our cruisers as far as paperwork being ready for customs. Some folks had to send north for additional items.

The wonderful rains mid-month sure gave a respite to the very arid conditions of lawns and gardens. The rain beating on our little tin hut on Cielo brought back memories of many camping trips that we made over the years. Kept waiting for the roof to leak, or the bed to be wet, shoes soggy, but alas none of the above happened. Was wonderful for sleeping though.

As always, the pancake breakfast on the 19th was right up to snuff. If I attempted to make homemade pancakes you would be able to use them for anchors or paperweights, can't do too much damage to Mrs. Butterworth.





The story of St. Valentine is a curious one. There were actually two men named Valentine, a Roman priest and a bishop as well. Both were martyred in similar fashion on Feb. 14 and canonized; but the priest is most likely the Valentine associated with the holiday. Famous for the charity and love he manifested, especially while active in assisting martyrs, easing their souls in times of persecution, his shield fittingly bears a heart. Valentine was clubbed to death and beheaded in 269AD after he refused to renounce his Christian faith.

The practice of sending tokens to loved ones, family and friends has existed as early as the 14th century. It is a tribute to the love and generosity that Saint Valentine showed toward his neighbors.

Hey, all you sports fans out there! Did you see the rebirth of the horseshoe pit area. That part of the park has been busy on a very steady basis. Bob Arnholt and cohorts reset the peggin concrete, restored the sand area. It looks very professional, and I wonder if the carnival tournament coming up has anything to do with it. Lou Belli, Bob Knopper, Rick Mac Farlane, George Wiltshire have really been sending up sparks. Our champ, Bob Arnholt has been eyeing the competition. Should be a hot game, when all the challengers step into the ring. Geez, it sounds like I watch too many wrestling matches. Anyway, nice job guys.

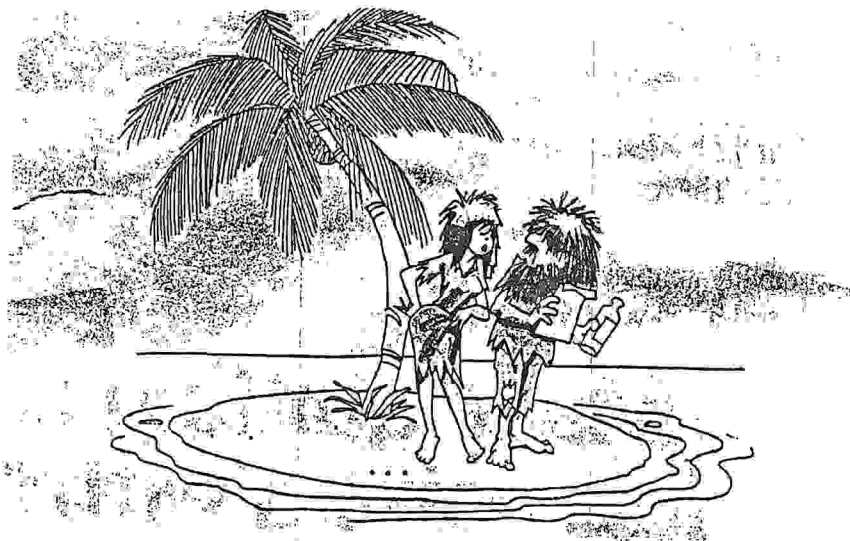
Noticed walking along the seawall that China doesn't look so close anymore, the sink holes have finally stopped sinking and are holding the stone and sand.

The cruise folks have promised us a report on any exciting or unusual events that take place. So hopefully, next month we will be able to report to you.

Have you noticed that it is staying light longer, the sun rays have shifted some, exposure is different. Never thought of change in seasons here in sunny ole Florida, but by golly, there is.

George and Jim have been busy work on water lines, they can be seen going at a quick pace up and down the streets, with tools or tape measures. Busy Bees!

Don't forget to attend the carnival Feb. 9th. Should be a blast. Stay well neighbors, and enjoy this little bit of news.



"It's a bill from the cruise line."

Fish Tales

Liars Dock

Evenings spent fishing off of "Liars Dock" has brought nothing in but moans and groans. Shrimp have been hard to come by and they are getting recycled at a fast pace; seems like they go from the net-to the hook-to the fishies bellies. All in that order.

An odd variety of catches, flounder here and there, a jack, pins, crabs of different species, sugar trout and the infamous lady fish. The most action I have seen was a warm evening and high tides; Went down by the cleaning dock and the water was so alive with different sea creatures it looked like an aquarium. Spent quite a bit of time peering in, almost felt like an intruder.

Fishermen going out in boats have been doing quite well, no exact number, but late afternoons you can see the pelicans dining with all the left overs. Have noticed a decline in fishing boats at night also.

Very briefly here are the size and quantity limits of some of the more popular fish we catch in state waters locally as of January 1, 1991.

Species	Minimum size	Limit
Amberjack	28 inches	3
Black Drum	14 to 24 inches	5
Cobia	33 inches	2
Dolphin	none	10
Flounder	11 inches	none
Grouper	20 inches	5
Spanish Mackerel	12 inches	5
Redfish	18 to 27 inches	1
Seabass	8 inches	none
Trout	14 to 24 inches	10
Mangrove Snapper	10 inches	5

For snook the minimum size is 24 to 34 inches but that season is closed until March 1, 1991.

These rules and regulations are in effect to preserve fishing for the future. For additional information on federal regulations and other species, please call the Florida Marine Patrol at 1-800-342-5367. Ignorance of these regulations is not an excuse if you are caught with undersize fish, too many or species that are out of season.

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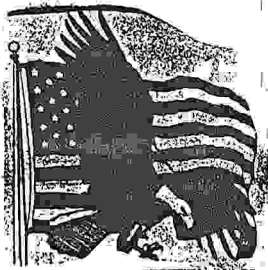
FEBRUARY RECREATION SCHEDULE

- Feb. 9 10AM Carnival
- Feb. 10 4PM Golden Anniversary Party (Sweetheart Social) Refreshments
- Feb. 17 1PM Presidents Day Dinner
- Feb. 23 7PM Willie Kell Concert - Refreshments

Presidents Day Dinner Menu

Tomato Juice, stuffed pork chop, baked potato, succotash, applesauce, cherry pie, relish tray, rolls, etc.

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE TUESDAY FEB. 5, WEDNESDAY FEB. 6 10-12-noon
PRICE \$5.50 per



While you're putting out those yellow ribbons, consider sending a valentine or letter to our service people overseas. Below is 2 addresses. Don't worry about what to write. Talk about weather, your everyday activities, how you feel. It is important that we keep morale up.

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ANY SERVICE MEMBER
OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD
FPO, NY 09866-0006

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OPERATIONS DESERT SHIELD
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LINCOLN'S LEVITY

On a cold February morning in 1862, Abraham Lincoln entered this world-looking "like a red cherry pulp squeezed dry." Trouble was, he often said of himself, his looks didn't improve as he grew.

History documents only one likeness of Lincoln smiling. But he was far from melancholy, and was often accused by his contemporaries of unseemly levity. When asked how large the Confederate Army was, Lincoln said, "About 1,200,000 men." He claimed he arrived at such a large figure because the Union had 400,000 men." and "whenever one of our generals is licked, he says that he was outnumbered three or four to one."

And in the midst of battle, General "Fighting Joe" Hooker sent the President the message: "Headquarters in the saddle." This prompted Lincoln to say, "The trouble with Hooker is that he has his headquarters where his hindquarters ought to be."



CUT N SAVE

ALL QUIET AND ALONE

To be all quiet and alone;
To pause and let the mind run free;
To sit and watch a changing sky;
Are thrills just short of ecstasy.

To dream great castles in the mind;
And answers to all problems, see;
To hear within the thrilling sounds
That become a soothing harmony.

To calm all turmoils, ease all strain,
As oil upon a raging sea;
To think of all the happy things
That make one's life a symphony.

To ease the stress of daily life;
The irritations of the home;
Will happen only--those times when
One is---all quiet and alone.

Update from Aura Street - Betty Baker

My goodness, it is amazing how boat trailers were hidden in the bushes in the field. Now they are all lined up in one row. Boyd organized the gang of men who cleaned up the empty lot. It certainly looks nice, clean and orderly. Thanks Guys!!

Brown's are back next door. It is great to see them again. Carl is feeling better. He flew down while Irene had her niece drive her in the car. They put new carpeting on their porch.

Lu just finished cleaning her kitchen cabinets so she could put her new set of dishes she received from her son Ed. Two granddaughters and a friend are coming for a visit.

Marge has new beige carpeting and blue and beige plaid couch and chair to match. She said she had a grand trip to Bonita Springs, and was Lucky too!

Stopped by Marie and Norm; and they were busy painting the bathroom. They are expecting Father Valmont Gilbert, their cousin for 10 days. In March their son and family are coming for a visit.

Edna has her mother and sister visiting. Ardis had to leave this week to return to cold Michigan! Edna had her walking the usual route everyday and she really enjoyed it. Millie will be here for three months.

Ethel is still knitting for the hospital. They need the little knit hats. Dude and Martha are coming down soon. No definite date.

Pat and Harriet are having his brother visit. We discussed dancing lessons and they are already to go paint the town red.

Betty and Ken were away when I went for the news. Also, Rick is out as the padlock was on his door.

On Sunday Betty is expecting to see her son Bob and Daughter, Sue. Bob just came in from California. My friends from New Hampshire were here for the day, so there is no grass under my feet!

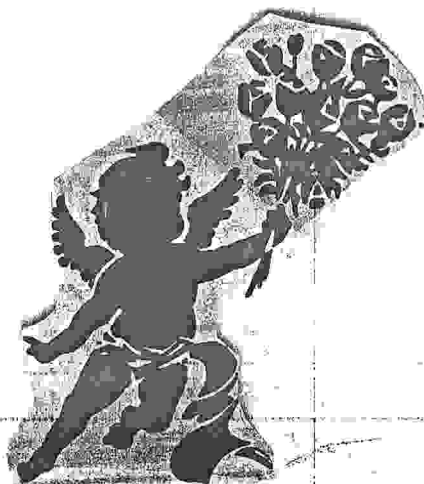
It is especially wonderful to welcome Bill Bottenfield back. Enjoy seeing him around the park.

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Standing in front of a boutique, I noticed an impatient looking young man approach a very attractive woman. "Would you mind talking to me for a few minutes?" he asked me. "Why?" I asked suspiciously. "My wife has been in this shop for a long time," he explained. "But I know she'll come right out if she sees me talking to you." His wife joined him almost immediately.
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"Sorry, I can't take any more appointments today," said the dentist to a patient on the phone. "I already have 18 cavities to fill." Then he hung up, grabbed his golf bag and left.

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THERE SHOULD BE

- a tool company in Florida called Miami Vise
- a meat-packing plant in Georgia called Macon Bacon
- a Massachusetts stone quarry called Plymouth Rock
- a container company in Montana called Helena Handbasket



Scoop from Bayo Street - Ruth Arnholt

Again! Had to stop what I was doing to get the news ready. That time of the month hits fast.

Stopped in to see Phylis Crosby and she has no earth shattering news but busy with her ham radio.

Glad to have Jack and Anne Kintz back. The day they returned, Jack had on long pants and they must have been put in moth balls, haven't seen them since. He sure looks different with clothes on.

Jim and Norma Bishop have been entertaining company. Thank goodness that doesn't keep Jim from tooting his horn, keep it up Jim, sounds good.

Stopped by to see Bernice Theiss, had a nice visit with her, all is well but no news.

Alice Hess has her daughter, Darla Phoenix and her friend Phylis from Michigan. they are here for 2 weeks.

Larry Gilbert's been busy putting in a flower bed around his place. Take a look-see at 217 when you pass by, it is lovely.

Welcome back Dick Brady!! I haven't had a chance to talk to him as he's busy unloading his car and getting settled.

Marianne and George Wiltshire are in and out and hard to catch up with. She was up in Inverness to visit her mother and who knows where or when the spirit will move them next.

Nothing new at Lavern Sumners - just shuffling along.

Charlie Letch is back from Arizona and finally got his boat back in the water. I see he had some printing done on the boat, ask him about the name "BOTTOMS UP"?

Rose is still at La Casa Grande. I stopped over to see her the other day. I felt bad because she is really lonesome, misses looking out and seeing people coming and going on Bayo. She does look good, and hopes that she can return to 226 soon.

Florence Turk is fine, but no news.

Caught Sophie sitting on the "sunny side of the street" where it's nice and warm and no wind. Her sister-in-law May Piechota from Chicago, Ill is visiting her for 3 weeks. May hasn't been here visiting for about 3 years and she has been visiting old friends and seeing the changes.

Mickey and Bob Wagner just made the deadline - they have been up in the northern part of Florida where it has been raining.

Mabel Gaudette is happy once again. Her daughter Norma is back.

Thanks to Mark and Ruth Dougerty, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December, for letting me share these interesting facts with you - my how time flies! It seems like only yesterday.

Thas was then - 1940

3 br home - 3,925.00
avg income 2,310.00
new Ford - 700.00
gas, 1 gal. - .18
bread 1 ob. - .08
milk 1 gal. - .52
bacon, 1 lb. - .27

This now - 1990

95,400.00
35,338.00
11,429.00
1.04
.70
2.65
2.09

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Bayo Street

Also 50 years ago, did you know?

Gene Autry, the singing cowboy, refused to do a cigarette ad
M & M candy was produced for the U.S. military
New York shoppers stormed a store - 6,000 dozen pairs of
nylons sold in one day
and the Jeep - general purpose vehicle was born.

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President Bush goes down to the White House kitchen for a midnight
snack. He bumps his head on the refrigerator and is out cold for
3 1/2 years. When he opens his eyes, he sees the face of White
House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu peering down at him. Bush's
first words are: "How fares the nation?"

"Everything's in great shape," Sununu reports. "Peace, prosperity
without inflation, the kinder-gentler thing doing fine. One of
Millie's great-grandpuppies just had her first litter, and the Post
Office is delivering the announcements."

The President warily asks for specifics: "How much does it cost
to mail a letter these days?"

"Same as last year," Sununu says with a shrug. "Three hundred yen."
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Update from Cielo Court - Audrey Grant

Dean Gould called Muriel and Bill to tell them he has gone back
to work for a year and doesn't expect to get down this year. Their
new granddaughter is doing well. Could possibly bring Joanne
down and then fly home. but time will tell.

Our new neighbors at #26 are Dennis and Betty Flynn, from Lake
Fenton, Michigan and will be here until March 1st.

I have been looking into the laws for conch shell catching and as
soon as they are together will offer them in newsletter. Quite a
few interesting rules.

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At our adult Sunday school class, the teacher asked us to think of
everyday ways in which we could practice our religion. The topic
of driving courtesy came up first. "How do you respond to the driver
who rudely cuts you off?" the teacher asked. A woman piped up,
"Turn the other fender?"
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Just in from Cielo Street - Jan Belli

Ina and Dan Smith took a short trip to Key West, enjoyed it very
much, and would like to return when they can spend more time.
Correction on their postal code L3V6H2.

Found Micki on her hands and knees stripping wallpaper. She is
getting ready to redecorate, so will be busy for a bit. It's good
to have them back. Love to walk by the shuffleboard court when
Bob is cooking on the barbie, sure smells good. They are expecting
their daughter, Deborah, from Ohio.

Willy Kell was cleaning outside of the new trailer. Isabelle now
has a house pet, Asmerellda, a stuffed pig.

Bonnie and Rex are getting prepared for Rex's sister, Betty. She
hails from Louisville. Betty is also bringing her friend Katherine.
Bonnie has made a beautiful shell framed mirror, created from the
fossil shells she found in the rock pile.

Irene and Bill Stevenson are expecting daughter and son-in-law
and granddaughter, husband and new great granddaughter, Taylor,
on Feb. 13. What a wonderful way to spend Valentines Day, with
folks close to your heart.



Cielo Street

Tom and Phyllis have been out doing their walking again. She is still taking her therapy 3 times a week, and doing quite well. Tom is substituting for Brownie, preparing for shuffle playoffs in about 3 weeks. Good Luck Team!!

Pete and Ava are the very happy grandparents of a baby girl, Kayla, weighing in at 6lbs 4 Oz. This great event happened on a Wed. night so Pete had to bow out of a poker game, gave the guys a chance to recoup some losses.

Ruth and Bud's daughter Sharon was visiting for 1 week. They left on their cruise so she had a very quiet, restful vacation.

Cora's company arrived. They can come anytime. One evening they made homemade icecream and were very generous and dished up bowls for the Mac Farlanes and Bellis. Yummy for the tummy!

The Mac Farlanes have a new addition to their family also. Ricks daughter Cheri, who lives in Spokane, Wash. and husband Michael, had a baby girl. That now makes it 4 granddaughters, 1 grandson. Another is expected the end of Feb.

Jan Belli has been going to night school for fishing tips. Having a grand time and learning new terms, laws, tips and so forth. Lou has been busy when not working either playing horseshoes or golf.

Haven't been able to catch up with anyone else on our street, most are on the cruise.

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After spending a day at the outlets with mom and Joan, I finally purchased a jade-green shirt that had the word "SAMPLE" printed in large purple letters on the shirttail. "That will wash off," the salesperson assured me.

The first few times I wore the shirt, I tucked it in. After many washings the lettering had faded, and I decided to leave the shirt tail out. Turning my back to my daughter, I asked, "Can you see the word on the back?" "Yes, Mom," she replied. "It says "AMPLE"
I tucked the shirt in.

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I love to work with wood and decided to carve a ricking horse for our unborn grandchild. As parts of the horse were shaped, my intentions became clear to my next door neighbor. "You must be about to have a grandchild," he called over to me. "Our first," I replied, beaming. "I have 6 he went on. "After the first 3 you will be buying something plastic from K Mart.

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Update from Dije Street - Allison Brown

I can't blame the shortage of news from Dije Street on the CRUISE like everything else that isn't happening around the park. Fact is, I was just too busy to get out my news sheets. Either time is moving faster or I'm getting slower, and you know it can't be the latter. Right? Right!

Brownie wants to thank all his friends and neighbors in the park for the many get-well cards and notes he has received, for the



goodies and nourishing munchies that made it almost worthwhile to lay low for a couple of weeks. And thanks, too, for the drop-in visits. Gulf-to-Bay is surely a caring family.

A HAPPY NOTE! Our piano has been treated to a much-needed overhaul and tuning. We're sure that you will hear the difference. We have a good instrument, well worth regular care and maintenance. Perhaps you have never noticed, but our piano is equipped with an electric drying unit to keep the moisture from damaging the instrument. It is important that the dryer be connected and functioning continually. If ever you see it disconnected, please plug it in - twelve months per year. Thanks.

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One morning, a Sunday school teacher asked her group if they knew who had defeated the Philistines. After a few moments one youngster asked, "They're not in the NBA, are they?"

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"I thought you said that you were just out window shopping," said the husband when his wife returned home with a shopping bag. "I couldn't resist this dress," said his wife. "The devil tempted me." "You should have said, 'Get behind me, Satan.'" "I did!" snapped the wife. "But he said, 'Looks great in the rear too, sweetie.'"

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Quiet Estada Street

Helen Bleck is having a rough, ahem, week at sea so I'll just fill in for her. The street is very quiet, and the loudest thing going is Jim Manley and his sneezes. He has been fighting a terrible cold, just can't seem to knock it. His sister was here for a visit in the midst of it all.

I'm sure Helen will have a lot to tell us in the next news letter. But we have to prepare for the press, time for me is limited.

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Gist from Golfo Street - Etta Freeman

Contentment reigns on Golfo. Not much news this month, but I was greeted with a smile at every home.

Thanks to Dottie Crankshaw, I have found out my plant's name. It is "Joseph's Coat of Many Colors", for those who have asked. She really has a green thumb and gave me a tour of her garden. What a wonderful job she has done with limited space.

Gene Hallet had a friend visiting her for the first time, so I didn't linger.

Dortha and Bill Swickard are so happy to be here. "Deep appreciation to friends and neighbors for all their help getting settled in." You will see them whizzing around on their new cart, as soon as it is repaired.

Jack and Fran Smith are on the park cruise this week.

At Lot 13, "Demolition Derby's" first place winner award goes to Sylvia for grounding her sailboat at Stump Pass and then wrecking her car, both in January.

Marcia Hartman was out catching the sun, she and Ben are expecting company.

Norma and Jean Croteau are happy to be back, leaving a nasty 6 below zero climate. Eskimo weather.



Golfo Street.
I missed the Leepers, but I know they are having fun boating.

Paul and Leda Dube were relaxing after having Paul's brother Donald here for 10 days. Then on the 31st, their son Leo and his girlfriend Caro will be arriving.

Freeman and I took a day trip for some serious shelling up at Honeymoon Island. Does anyone have a book on creating "Shell Flowers" they would loan me? It would be appreciated.

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NEW CAPITALISM: you buy a whole herd of cows on a bank card. Then milk the cows dry, sell part of the milk to buy into a junk bond business, and use the rest of the milk to whitewash the whole deal when it turns sour. HA HA!!

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WE HAVE A NEW WILDLIFE RESIDENT.....A VERY OLD, MALE PELICAN. CALLED THE AMBER WILDLIFE ORGAN., SUNDAY. THIS OLD GUY HAS A BROKEN FOOT WITH A HOOK IN IT. THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE FOR HIM BUT TLC. THE FELLOW SAID TO LET HIM LIVE OUT HIS LAST TO THE HILT. HE DOES NEED HELP CATCHING FOOD, SO IF YOU GET ANY PIN FISH TO FEED HIM. PLEASE CUT THE TOP DORSAL FIN OFF. WE DUBBED HIM SUNNY.

A VERY HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY

Fish Tales

Liars Dock

DEAD ISSUES

The curiosities between fish and man are not so far fetched as you might imagine. Where do fish fingers come from? Not from a tree. Fish have certain human appendages that they keep hidden, awaiting the time and opportunity to flaunt them publically. Here are a few examples:

when prowling shallow flats, bonefish are always on their toes.

by apply pressure at the proper times an angler can bring even a large tarpon to its knees in short order.

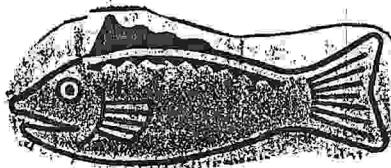
every fish we had a try at thumbed its nose at us, as it got away.

the ballyhoo makes an excellent trolling bait, but it does have an Achilles heel.

snook are masters of snagging your line but I caught mine flat-footed out in the open with not a dock for him to get too.

a jack will win a pulling contest with any other fish, hands-down.

and last, stripping and shinning require a certain amount of digital dexterity, which in turn requires a certain amount of digits. Does this sound like stripped bass and shiners?

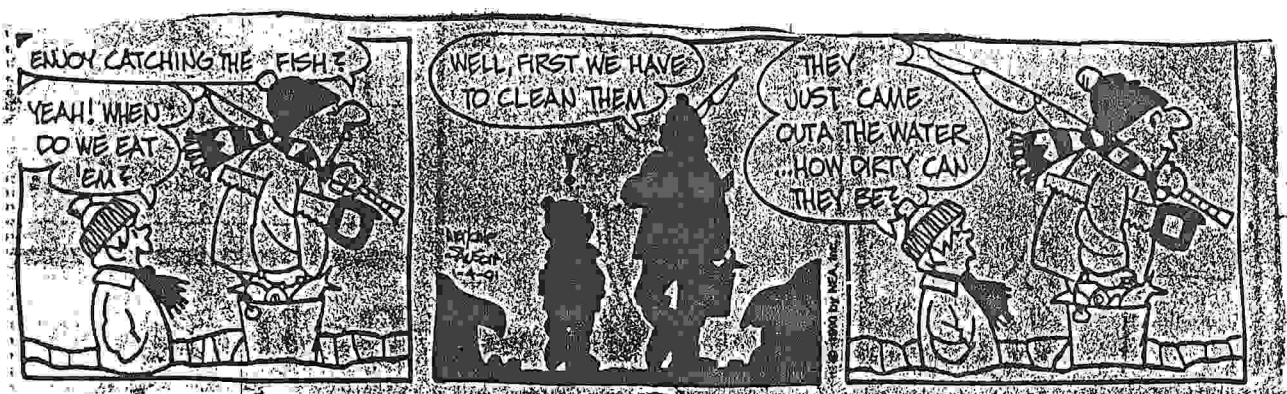


From all reports that have come in, Wes and Al have been the "big Catchers". Diligently they sat on the docks, day after day, night after night, thru all kinds of perilous conditions, and finally success. They nabbed themselves a beautiful catch of sheephead. What Wes didn't count on was the cleaning time. He kept wishing the bucket had been smaller as his filet knife keep wielding its damage. Congratulations!

Ruthann didn't fair too bad either. One evening she hooked a biggie. Rick started giving her some coaching as the mysterious fighter was coming closer to the dock. Her dander got up, gave the rod to Rick and told him to catch the &#%& fish. After having second thoughts, realizing that he has lost fish around pilings and some nudging from Jan Belli, grabbed the rod back. The snook put up a brave fight but was up against the odds of the Irish from the beginning. The length of the snook was 24 1/2", and the first one for the gal.

Bud Hicks has gotten his share of trout of all sizes, and some sheephead.

Don't know of any other catches but there must have been some that got away. So, when someone asks you, "how's the fishing", you can honestly answer, "fishing is great, the catching is lousey"! (That is one of Charlie Letchs' sayings)



FIND THESE WORDS

PARK POKER RUST SUPPERS NIGHT HOT TIKI BINGO GUESTS POLE BAND
 PANCAKES PAIL TRIM LIST

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N	R	A	L	I	I	W	E	F	M
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"Our Place"

CUT N SAVE

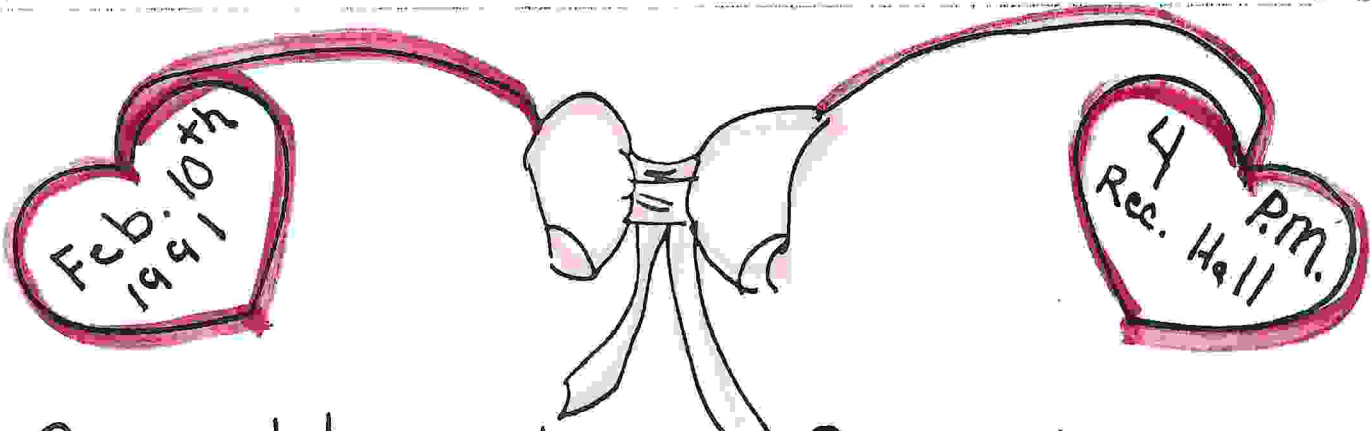
A HAND TO HOLD

When in the storms of one's life,
 Or howling blizzards in the night,
 Reach out to hold a willing hand
 However warm, however slight.

Accolades of celebrity,
 Or encore plaudits of a crowd,
 Are useless when the "chips are down",
 Or a disaster's news is loud.

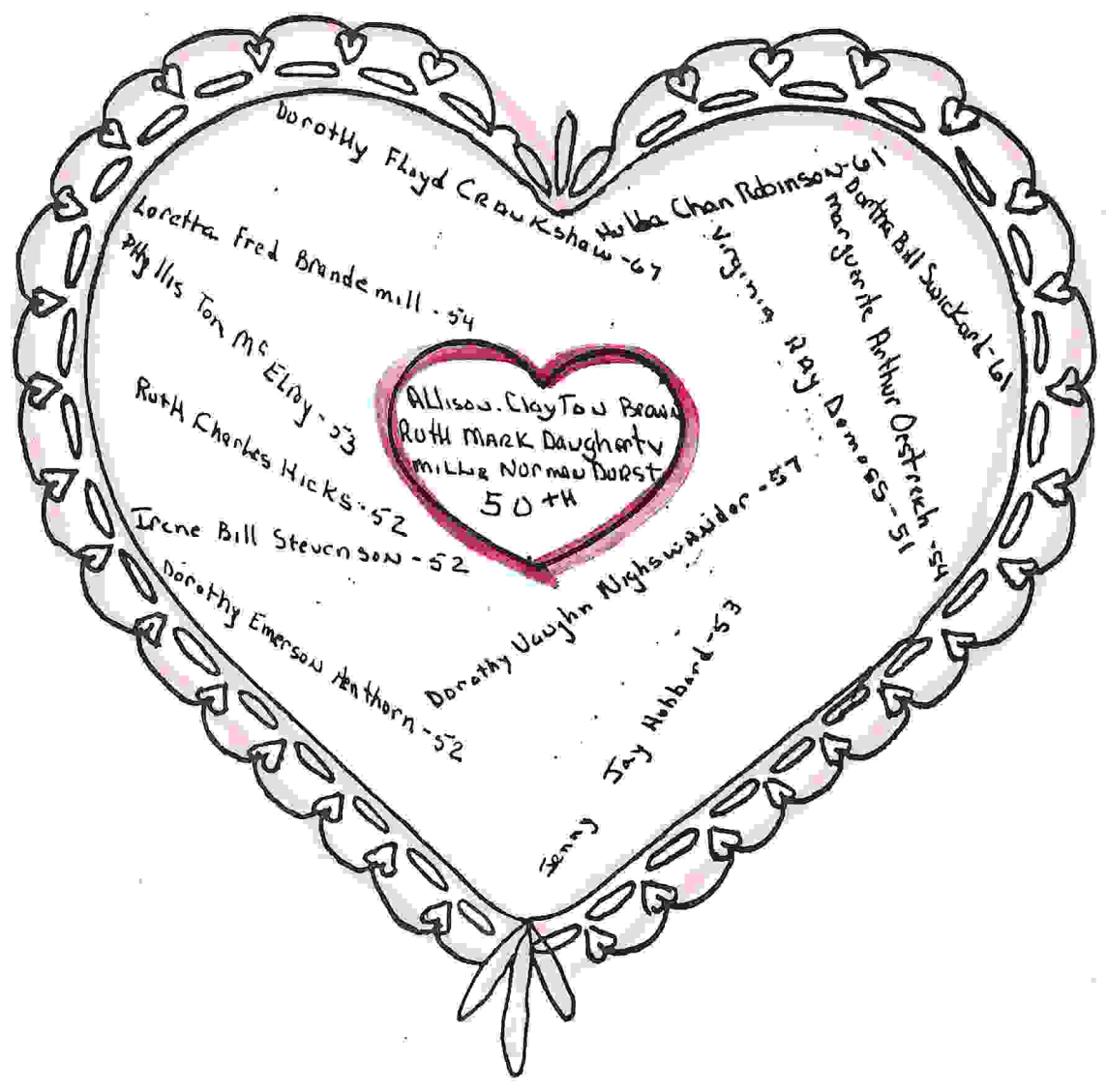
There's no substitute in comfort,
 After a danger, or a gright,
 As the feel of a loving hand
 In the deep darkness of the night.

With jillions of acquaintances;
 Perhaps a trillion friends on hand;
 There's no comfort in a crisis
 As in---the holding of a hand.



Sweetheart Social

Honoring the Following



Dorothy Floyd Cedar Kshaw - 67

Wolba Chan Robinson - 61
Dorthea Bill Swickard - 61
Virginia Ray Demas - 51

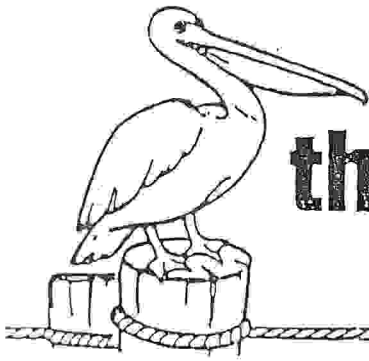
Loretta Fred Brandemill - 54
Phyllis Tom McElroy - 53

Allison Clayton Brand
Ruth Mark Daugherty
Miller Norman Dorst
50+

Ruth Charles Hicks - 52
Irene Bill Stevenson - 52

Dorothy Vaughn Nighswander - 57
Dorothy Emerson Penhorn - 52
Joy Hubbard - 53

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the Listening Post

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How lucky I am to be editor of "The Listening Post". I can wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day, and a Blessed Easter without using postage; one of the side benefits of this job.

Reports of the scruise have been leaking in. Everyone that had been sing acolades of the wonderful time they experienced. Only serious complaint was the air conditioning in the "sips" lounges; too cold!

A few incidents that happened to bring smiles were:

the rain coming in the bus on ride to Miami - Joan chewing gum at a fast pace and plugging the leaks.

bucket brigade style of loading the bus with that 1 more piece of luggage entertainer in lounge couldn't get Mo or Rita to bite on his punch lines

Paul and Bud doing Joans laundry, due to a scotch bath in her luggage while she was getting everyone settled in their rooms

getting people, buses and luggage matched up

FRan and Jack Smith still in bed when the bus was getting ready to leave hotel in Miami

surprise T Shirts for scruise members

a tired party girl passing out on her bathroom floor - too much rum??

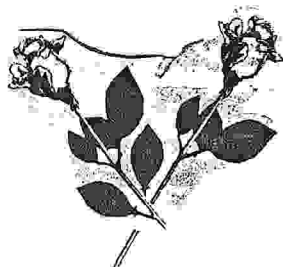
Sounds like the type of trip we would have enjoyed going on, oh well, some day.

WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING....they're usually up to something..

Flowers to all the folks who made the Carnival such a success. It was my first time and I really enjoyed it. Can't really pin-point any one particular thing that outshined the other. The people who orchestrated the whole thing did a fantastic job and I'm sure we can all appreciate the time and effort that was put into such an activity.

New items on the agenda this year included, and I hope it will be an annual thing, funnel cakes. What a treat when they are hot from the pot. A more serious but most important - thanks to Loretta for her donation, time and talent of the YELLOW RIBBONS. She done herself proud with the production line, plus taking orders. Traveling our little streets really gets the heart strings a-pulling - to see the support for our troops in Saudi. Its getting to the point that everyone knows of or related to someone in the armed forces over there. I sure hope that you took the time to use the addresses I had inserted in last months newsletter. Thank you!

Back to the Carnival, Dot Manley should sit on her laurels the rest of the season for all the work that she has done, what a gal! She reports that the financial gain from the fete was \$ 17~~90~~.00 , and thanks everyone for coming.



George Gallaher and his committee have had a very busy month. First the Carnival action, then the Sweetheart Social and the sumptuous dinner on the 17th. Talking to George at Liars Dock one night I asked him if he was all recuperated, Yup, he said, "No problem!! Had a great working team, everyone just got up and went at it.

Wasn't it great to see so many folks at the social, and to hear all the old war stories. A brilliant idea hit me as we sat listening - wouldn't it be neat if we could get taped stories from different folks and create our own little archives for future years. Plus it would be grand to hear more. Maybe we could have a sit-around-the-old-campfire night. If anyone would like to get something like this going let's get together. Can't be all that hard, just a tape recorder and tapes.

Ruth Arnholt would like to remind us not to put newspapers in the bins, but bring them over to her. Alum cans should be saved and deposited in designated areas.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- March 18, 19 - ticket sale for Easter Dinner Tickets (18th 10-12) (19th 9-11)
- March 16 - election of a new council 10-12 in the rec hall, to be followed by a meeting of the new members to elect their officers.
- March 21 - Tampa Downs
- March 22 - 10AM Annual General Meeting of entire Park
- March 23 - Band Concert (evening)
- March 31 - Easter Dinner
- April 6 - 4PM Tiki Beach Party

MARCH 17 - St Pats dinner, 5PM, followed by a dance - 8PM

The council would like to remind folks that if they borrow tables or chairs from the hall, please use the old items.

The pancake breakfast held on the 22nd of Feb. was a huge success. The cooks ran out of everything at just the proper time, 10:50. This was the best this year, word of those pancakes are out, had a nice group over from the Castaways, who returned for Willie Kells Saturday evening performance in the hall. All in all it was a great weekend of fun, and a big thank you to all the gals who made those fantastic cookies for the show. Miss Piggy here sampled one of each, yummy!!

Willie's show was excellent and he had a standing ovation at the end. He had just written a song about Desert Storm and it sure brought the war right out front. I think as he was singing a lot of prayers were being said. Thanks again Council for a grand time.

The March Committee is really into full swing and I know they have lots of goodies planned for menus. Hope to see you all at the dinners.

This will be the last newsletter of this year! March and April will be combined, this being for a few reasons; lots of folks leave the end of March or start of April, save the editor and chief some work, not to mention her star street reporters, April will not have too much activity.

At this time I would like to thank all the reporters for their wonderful support and cooperation, especially for putting up with this struggling editor, they are all old-hat at the park news so they gave me a lot of guidance. It has been a lot of fun, and if no one else wants the paper next year, (I'll be looking for a path being beaten to my door) I shall return! Seems to me someone famous said that!! I am open to suggestions so if you out there in reading land have any ideas please let me know.

I wish you all a wonderful, happy and healthy summer. May God speed you back to Gulf-to-Bay safely in the fall. We summerites shall hold down the fort and guard the seas and sands. Adieu to you!!

AN OLD IRISH TOAST

May your neighbors
respect you,
trouble neglect you,
the angels protect you,
and heaven accept you...



Charlie Letch reports on the collection of Publix receipts. The total was \$13,658.67, not bad since the drive was shorter than last year.

Just a reminder to all of us who have company. Please remind guests that all equipment at the shuffleboard court should be returned to closets, and most important, DO NOT WALK OR PLAY ON THE COURTS. The shuffleboard team works very hard to keep the courts in game playing order.

"THREE CHEERS FOR 'THREE MEN'!"

To the Rescue - that was the mode of things on the beach Sunday morning as the tide swelled and the waves crashed their splendor against the beaches, rising under the Tiki and taking sea oats by the bundle. Sylvia's water ski was in dire straights. It was chained to the Tiki post and needed to be raised to higher ground. Good buddies, Rex, Jack K. and Bob Wagner saved the day, and with the help of a few assistants got it free and up on higher grounds. They sure braved the elements and saved the day, or excuse the pun, water ski.

WHAT IS GULF TO BAY TRAILER PARK?

First of all, it is probably the only spot in southwestern Florida which has the beautiful gulf on one side and Lemon Bay on the other. But many people never walk the beach, sun, swim or watch the beautiful sunsets from the Tiki. Also, some people never have boats to tie up, or shrimp or fish to catch from Lemon Bay. So there must be something else.

Did you or your mate ever have a setback of some kind? Isn't it nice to have people stop and ask about their health, even if they don't know them well? Isn't it nice to have someone care? Do you like to play cards, games or go for dinner? Isn't it nice that some people take extra time to work on committees to promote these activities? Have you ever had a car, plumbing, or electric problem and wonder what to do about it? Aren't there a number of people in the park who are happy to advise or help you with these problems? Who takes time out to gather newspapers and turn them in order to save our trees, how about the ones who run for council and publish this paper? Have you ever felt lonely and wanted to talk to someone? Go down to the Tiki or Liars Dock and someone will be there. So many other things! Gulf to Bay is not beautiful lawns, and Better Homes and Gardens houses, but the hearts inside of these humble homes are what makes the park. Can you think of a better place to live? If so, put your house up for sale and someone nice will buy it immediately. Thanks to all of you for caring.

ANONYMOUS.



IRISH BLESSING

May the sun
always shine
on your windowpane,
May a rainbow be certain
to follow each rain...
May the hand of a friend
always be near you,
May God fill your heart
with gladness
to cheer you.



NOTICE

The Gulf-to-Bay Mobile Home Owners Assoc. will hold its Annual Meeting at 10AM on Monday, March 11th. Four members will be elected to the Board of Directors from the following slate of candidates to serve two-year terms:

- Freeman Crosby
- Raymond De Moss
- Norman Durst
- George Gallaher
- Audrey Grant
- William Stevenson

The incumbent Board of Directors is listed below:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
President - William Stevenson	March 91
Vice Pres. - Freeman Crosby	March 91
Secretary - Frances Franz	March 92
Treasurer - Eugene Hull	March 92

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Raymond DeMoss	March 91
Thomas McElroy	March 91
Leslie Downing	March 92
Allison Brown	March 92

DONT FORGET GULF TO BAY RECREATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

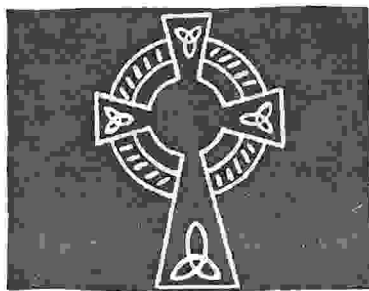
Saturday, March 16, 1991 10AM to 12Noon at the Rec. Hall - Vote for 4

- Ruth Arnolt
- Allyson Brown
- Jean Croteau
- Paul Dube
- Muriel Lyons
- Bob Wagner

The 2 with the largest number of votes shall serve two year terms. The next 2 receiving the highest number of notes shall serve 1 year terms.

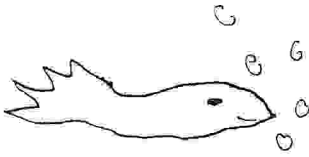
Poll Counters: Jean Croteau, Bonnie Smallwood

The Celtic Cross is also known as the Cross of Iona, the Irish Cross or the Wheel Cross. Dating back to the early centuries of the Christian era, its distinguishing characteristics are the circle around the middle part of the cross and the intricate carvings which adorn it. The swirling designs are a distinguishing central part of Celtic art, while the circle signifies eternity, relating the Church's everlasting glory and power. The Celtic cross was originally taken from Ireland to Iona by Columba in the 6th century.



Fish Tales

Liars Dock



You've all heard about things that go bump in the night. Well, its here at Gulf-to-Bay folks, but have no fear. It's the FISH BUSTER. Designed by Ruthann and Jan, and built by Rick. I don't think he really wants any credit for it. The latest thing in toting fishing equipment, built for 2. Actually it looks like a spud missile launcher, but serves the purpose. All supplies were from odds and ends at the flea market.

Sunny is doing well, and has become Bob Nopper's shadow. He has made himself at home at the cleaning dock, and can be found perched on the bench or rail at night.

A new definition for SHEEPHERDER has come into being. George G. Gene and Vaughn have been bringing in some very impressive stringers of Sheepheads. The pelicans seem to know when they dock and its a race to see who gets to the cleaning dock first.



Snook season is in folks, not that it makes a hill of beans difference, the only exciting catches off the dock are undersized trout, lady fish, one robin fish and plenty of crabs. By plenty of crabs, I mean the grumblings of the fisherpersons. No one has reported anything else. So we watch the tides in and out, but things stay consistent.

Even the comedy team of Bud and Lou haven't been able to make jokes about it.

Potpourri



EASTER DINNER

March 31st, 1991



Authentic Tales from Aura Street - Betty Baker

The Carl Browns' next to me are so busy with company. Their son and wife are here and settled in Englewood. Debbie and son Jeff were here. He is growing up so fast - a very grown up 5 years old. Carl's sister was also here for 5 days, then a nephew and neice also visited. Now Corie is here for 9 days. Even in this cool weather she is outside in a bikini working on a tan. Sunday, Irene and Friends went to Manatee for a Line Dance benefiting the Manatees. She said that line dancing is very popular. I bet they sported some of the fancy steps from Gulf-to-Bay.

Marge had two gals visiting her for 2 weeks; Helen Eshbach and Betty Tormey.

Pat and Boyd will have their granddaughter visiting. Pat is gett-over a very serious bout of the flu.

The Hutchinson's son Bruce and family will be here for a visit.

Dropped in to see Ethel and she was using those magic fingers of hers knitting a cute white triangle - fur scarf - very elegant for evening wear. Ethel has knitted 1500 baby hats for the new born babies in Ohio!

Betty and Ken are all settled in so no news or additions to the yard or trailer. Time now to enjoy the park.

Rich, our elusive one wasn't home again. Hope all is well with him.

Lu had foot surgery and I didn't get a chance to visit with her. A real speedy recovery to you, Lu.

The Bob King's are here again. They had a few men gathered and were cleaning off the trailer roofs. The big Elm tree makes lots of work for them. Glad to see you folks here again, Bob and Marge.

Edna's mom is busy putting sequins on calendars for her family up north. Edna is busy doing the usual things, she can't wait for summer to get into her summer routine, ha ha.

Pat and Harriet both had the flu. Seems like a cloud has been hanging over the park lately and it is loaded with the flu bug. Before they were taken ill they had Pat's sister visiting for a few days.

Friends from Michigan came to visit me for a couple of days. They enjoyed the beach, then dinner and dancing. No grass under our feet.

The men finished clearing off the land across from me. They cut out all the cactus and undergrowth near the bay. Now we have a panoramic view, can see a lovely palm tree growing under the big Elm. Remind of a song "TREES"

A few words in appreciation to Ruthann for taking over as editor of our park newspaper when Art became ill. We certainly love your style and enthusiasm. Nice to have young people in and be so much fun. Most of the time you can find Ruthann and her husband Rick down at the dock fishing, shrimping or just having coffee! Many thanks again for all your time and work.

Thank you very much for the ATTA Girl, Betty.

Breezes from Bayo Street - Ruth Arnholt

As usual, there's not too much earth shattering in the way of news on Bayo. Everybody seemed to be away when this reporter was ready for the news and she was busy when they were home so we never really touched base with one another.

Anyway, Rose who now lives at La Casa Grande came back to the Park, the 28th of Feb. for her birthday. Her sister, Marie Genest, brought her to her house for dinner and then later had Rose's friends stop in to say hello and wish her a Happy 91st birthday.

Wes and Allie Golkowski had their daughter and husband, Heidi and Paul from Connecticut here for a week. Wes said, "his granddaughters were better than his daughter when it came to hooking a shrimp for bait.

Charlie Letch mentioned that he went over to his daughters house Friday night for home made chocolate cake and coffee. He had everyone's mouth watering down on the dock. He and his grandchildren Sean and Chris are plotting their plans for their trip out west this summer.

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Chuckle from Ruth

A parachute jumper was falling quickly and his chute wouldn't open when suddenly he passed a old lady in an apron going up, and fast. "Hey, he shouted, "Do you know anything about parachutes?" "No," she shouted back. "Do you know anything about gas stoves?"

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The preacher came to visit me the other day. He said, at my age, I should be thinking of the hereafter. I said to him, "Oh, I do that all the time. No matter when or where I am. In the living room, kitchen upstairs, or down in the basement, I ask myself," Self, what am I here after?" THATS A GONG!

Comments from Cielo Court - Audrey Grant

Muriel and Bill Lyon have had company from Mass., sister Sarah, and friends Marie, Mary and Barbara visited.

Joe and Pauline Croteau will arrive on March 12 to find many changes in their house.

Andy and Audrey are waiting for son Robert and grandchildren Kelsey and Stephanie, Granddaughter Kim and friend will also visit during April School vacation.

Fred and Lorretta will be staying thru April and are enjoying the Florida winter.

Joe and Sadie have no news to offer.

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Q: How do ghosts like their eggs? A: Terrified!
Q: What is the saddest piece of clothing? A: Blue jeans!
Q: Where do you eat hamburgers? A: On the patty-o!
Q: What did Delaware? A: A New Jersey!

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Chatter from Cielo Street - Ruth Hicks

Welcome back to Jim and Delma Kell. They are in 322 for 2 months.

Mickey and Bob Rumpf are anxious for their move to Alameda Isles. They were good neighbors and will be missed. I saw the outside of their new home and its very nice. We'll miss seeing these folks on the shuffle courts.

Ruthann and Rick MacFarlane have one more grandchild to the roster. This time it's a boy, named William, born in Riverside Cali. That makes it 6 for them. Also they entertained friends Bonnie and Monnie James from Canton, OH. Ruthann was showing Bonnie how to catch the elusive shrimp and the fish. A picture would have worked better. They also played a lot of cards and did a lot of walking. Daughter Heather, returned north and I, her grandmother will miss her. The tearbags really ran Saturday morning when Heather and Michael left.

Sorry to hear our gal Cora is still on the sick list. Seems like a long time since we've seen her smiling face.

Phyllis and Tom McElroy would like to say - see you later - to their park friends.

Marie Genest would like to report that she entertained, in her home, her sister Rose, brother Edward, cousin Isabelle Bousquet and friends. They celebrated Rose's birthday. Marie thanks the many park residents who sent cards and stopped in to say hello to Rose. Rose also expresses her thanks.

Heard that George Hummell and Dolores went home for an aunts funeral. Sorry to hear about that.

Bill and Irene's youngest grandson Scott Stevenson is in for a visit till March 8th. He hails from Ann Arbor, Mich, and is celebrating spring break from E. Michigan College.

All the neighbors on Cielo Street have enjoyed seeing all the little babies that have been visiting. Their little faces sure brighten the day.

Willie Kell was happy for a visit from his son. He said thanks to the many Park residents for filling up the hall for his concert.

Speaking of Willie, you can't imagine what he and Ray Demoss were doing. Seems that Willie bought a "garage sale" toaster for 50¢. Can you believe they spent the whole afternoon trying to make it work. They said it was a challenge. Good thing Isabelle didn't have to pay them for their time. Next time, watch for the dollar toasters.

Jane Wiley, laughing said, "please no more postal jokes. " Can we oblige her?

.....My 2 daughters often tease their grandfather about being stubborn, a trait he denies. One day he was telling them about a horse-pack trip he had taken up the Continental Divide. "The horse guides felt that the personalities of horse and rider should be compatible," he related. "They matched us up carefully." "What was your horse like?" one daughter broke in. His answer was reluctant. "They gave me a mule," he said.

.....Hey, did you hear what the new name for Iraq is?
Bush Gardens! HA HA

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Dirt from Dije Street - Allison Brown

A note from Shirley Ryan says, "thank all the Dije St. neighbors for their generous donations to the Heart Fund. I collected \$61 and no complaints. Everyone did it happily. Many thanks. Come and visit me at the Dome where I hold forth every Fri. Sat. and Sunday from 9-3:30. My gardenias are starting to bloom again, and have you seen my lovely roses?"

News from 403 this month consists of a nice, clean, concrete drive under my carport which I really appreciate. Then I also had a visit from my son, Peter, from NY State with his 12 year old daughter, Katey, and 7 year old son, Peter. The weather warmed up and they enjoyed our beach every day. Thats my news, Ruth Salmon

Not much news from the Robinsons, but I want to thank the Council for the lovely Valentines Party for the seniors, also, thanks for the nice dinner, cooked by the Feb. Committee. Chan and Hulda.

Bob and Ladema's son and family spent 2 weeks at 417, all went back to Michigan with tans.

Clara Bessinger of 417 is waiting for her daughter, Barbara, and her family to spend Barbara's birthday. Barb and Mike are from Oeland, Florida.

Shirley Deirlein writes, "Many thanks to our neighbors, Ruth and Charlie Hicks, who were such physical and moral support to us in Charley's recent trip to Englewood Hospital.

And from 407 - a note:

What a busy month Feb. has been! The Feb. Committee, headed by George and Joey Gallaher worked on the Carnival, the Sweetheart Reception, the dinner on the 17th and Willie Kells fine concert. Between times was a trip to the Florida State Fair in Tampa, and the Parade of Lights in Ft. Myers.

Son George and his family were here for a visit after exploring Disney World. Several sets of friends from home in Westbury, LI came and enjoyed the park. Everyone is so kind to visitors - not only is Gulf-to-Bay a nice place to visit, my friends feel they would like to come and stay!

Son Bill arrives for Easter to swim, beachcomb, relax and enjoy meeting you again. We are grateful for you, our extended family.
Fran Franz.

Breezes from Estada - Helen Bleck

Les and Fay Downing have had the Rohrbacks from their home town visiting them. Their son and wife and Grandsons Bob, Bonnie and Charlie and Patrick will be here for 2 weeks.

Les and Fay are going to the east coast for a family reunion with Les' brother and sisters for a few days. For someone who had to be coaxed into going on the cruise - Les sure had a good time -

Daughter and husband and grandchildren Diane, Howard, John and Kellie will be here at Easter.

Bill Exelby will have his son and wife and granddaughter, Wes, Suzy and Alyse here on March 14th for a visit.

The Dursts have been busy fishing and having company. Mils sister and brother-in-law from Troy, Ohio week of Feb. 19th. Friends, (the Flakes) from Cint. Ohio day and night of 27th and 28th. Friends Dottie and Jerry Anderson will be here middle of March and grandson Eric Kinstler and friend will wind up our company the last week of March.

Dot Hall is busy with her family, but no other news. Also, no news from Dot and Jim Manley or the Hamiltons, they are holding their own.

Ruth Nelson is in Ohio visiting her family for 3 weeks, she celebrated her birthday there on Feb. 24th, either her 21st or 39th. I forget which.

No news from the Destreiches, Marguerite is trying hard to get over her cold and Art seems stronger.

Helen Bleck misses her walking partner at night, needs someone to prod her into getting out there.

Joan and Paul entertained her sister and brother-in-law Ruth and Jack Spiller from Lindenhurst, NY. As usual, Gulf-to-Bay was a big hit!

BULLETIN:

FLORENCE FINNETT IS OUT OF THE HOSPITAL AND RECUPERATING FROM ASTHMA AND PNEUMONIA AT HOME. GEORGE WENT IN FOR HIS SURGERY BUT DURING THE OPERATION THE DOCTORS DECIDED NOT TO REPAIR THE ANEURYSM. THEY FELT IT WAS NOT AS BAD AS THEY HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT AND IT WAS LESS DANGEROUS TO LEAVE IT RATHER THAN FIX IT.

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HILLBILLIES MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY

Artery - the study of fine paintings
Cesarean Section - A district in Rome
Colic - A sheep dog
Coma - a punctuation mark
Congenital - friendly
Dilate - to live long
GI Series - baseball games between teams of soldiers
Medical Staff - a doctors cane
nitrate - lower than day rate
Urine - opposite of you're out
Varicose Veins - veins which are very close together
Post Operative - a letter carrier - oops, no postal jokes, sorry Jane.

We have had company from Port Loreng, Ont. Coco Beach Fl and Old Fort, Ohio. Have enjoyed them very much. Expect our son and family the 21st of March. Our granddaughter has her 11th birthday on Easter and she is excited and anxious to get here, she sure hopes it will be warm. So do I! Virginia and Ray DeMoss

The Masties report having had a great time on the cruise along with Kateys sister Marge from Mich. Her first cruise and she loved it. She spent a week before and after visiting. Katey is home from the hospital with a new knee joint and getting around real good. Looking forward now to a visit from Barb and Zaach over Easter holiday.

Joey and George Gallaher have been busy entertaining friends. They are looking forward to having their daughter, Diane, and family here for Easter. Many thanks to all who helped George with all his activities in Feb.

Roxanne writes that her daughter Barbara is coming March 10th from Westfield, Mass for 10 days. Harry and Lorraine are taking Roxanne to Sarasota to meet her. Then son Gene and his wife Shirley are motoring down for a month of Florida weather. Roxanne has her ticket to fly north May 12th with plans to return in Oct. the good Lord willing. "I hope all my friends and neighbors have a safe trip north and a good summer. I'll see you all in the fall."

Brownie and Allison are expecting their daughter to arrive from Germany on March 24th. As most of you know, Charlene is recovering from July surgery to remove a brain tumor. The plane trip is another step forward to resuming life without equilibrium. Easter at Guif-to-Bay should be the best medicine possible.

Thanks to the Council for another wonderful year of festivities. And a cheer for Warren and Jean with special thanks for our party backing. We really do appreciate all you do to make this a wonderful place to enjoy.

Thats all my news, thanks to all my news note writers. Happy Easter to you all!

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THIS FARMER GOES TO THE ATTORNEY AND SAYS THAT HE WANTS ONE OF THEM DE-VORCES.

THE ATTORNEY SAYS: "DO YOU HAVE ANY GROUNDS?"

THE FARMER SAYS: "YUP, I GOT 30 ACRES."

THE ATTORNEY SAYS: "NO, THATS NOT WHAT I MEAN, DO YOU HAVE A CASE?"

THE FARMER SAYS: "NOPE, I GOT A JOHN DEERE. THATS WHAT I FARM THEM 30 ACRES WITH."

THE ATTORNEY SAYS: " NO, NO, YOU ARE NOT UNDERSTANDING ME..DO YOU WANT TO BRING SUIT? HAVE YOU GOT A GRUDGE?"

THE FARMER SAYS: "WELL, IVE GOT A SUITE HANGING HOME IN THE CLOSET, AND THE GRUDGE, THATS WHERE I KEEP MY JOHN DEER."

THE ATTORNEY SAYS: "OH, WE ARE NOT COMMUNICATING AT ALL. LETS TALK ABOUT YOUR WIFE FOR A MINUTE. DO YOU BEAT YOUR WIFE UP?"

THE FARMER SAYS: "NOPE, SHE GETS UP AT ABOUT 4:30, BOUT THE SAME TIME I DO."

THE ATTORNEY SAYS: " NO, NO, IS SHE A NAGGER?"

THE FARMER SAYS: "NO, BUT THE LAST KID WAS. THATS THE REASON I WANT A DE-VORCE."

Golfo St.

Dot Kerber's daughter Virginia Madden of Michigan will be coming for a visit the end of March.

Dick & Sylvia on lot 13 have had lots of company. Four were in from Fort Wayne Indiana and Sylvia's brother had visited earlier. Then Dick's daughter and darling little granddaughter arrived.

Jack and Fran Smith wish everyone a great summer and they will be anxious to return in the fall to see all their friends again.

Gene Hallett had a friend visiting from PA last week. They went fishing at Boca Grande. Gene will be leaving the end of March.

Norma and Jean Croteau are expecting a visit March 17th from granddaughter Katilyn Coleman for a week and a half. She is allowing Mom (Patty) to come with her.

Paul and Leda Dube had her cousin Roger Richards and his wife visiting from Feeding Hills MA for a few days. Paul and Leda will be leaving the middle of April, as their daughter is expecting a baby the first of May.

Paul wants to thank everyone who stopped by to see him while he was sick.

Charlie and Helen Verrill enjoyed the winter here. They will be leaving for Cape Cod the first of May.

Floyd and Dotty Crankshaw had their granddaughter, her husband and great-granddaughter visiting from Watertown NY.

Bill and Dortha Swickard's son Randy with his wife Beverly are coming for a visit in March.

Dick and Flo Leeper were called home suddenly when the news that their son's house had burned reached them. Dick and Flo will be returning some time during March.

Noble and Eleanor Paul will be taking a trip this summer with current plans of a possible destination in Nova Scotia.

Ben and Marcia Hartman will be leaving the 7th of April and expect to be back sometime during the summer months.

Freeman and I really enjoyed having our daughter Diane and grandson Joshua for an unexpected visit. "Josh" really enjoyed the beach and water. The middle of April our son Bob with his wife Paula, Bobby Jr. and Katie will be arriving for a 10 day visit. Seems like the season has just begun but the end of May will be here before we know it and we will be off to Cape Cod for four months.

Our thanks to all the committees and helpers who made it another enjoyable season for us here at Gulf to Bay. See you all in October.

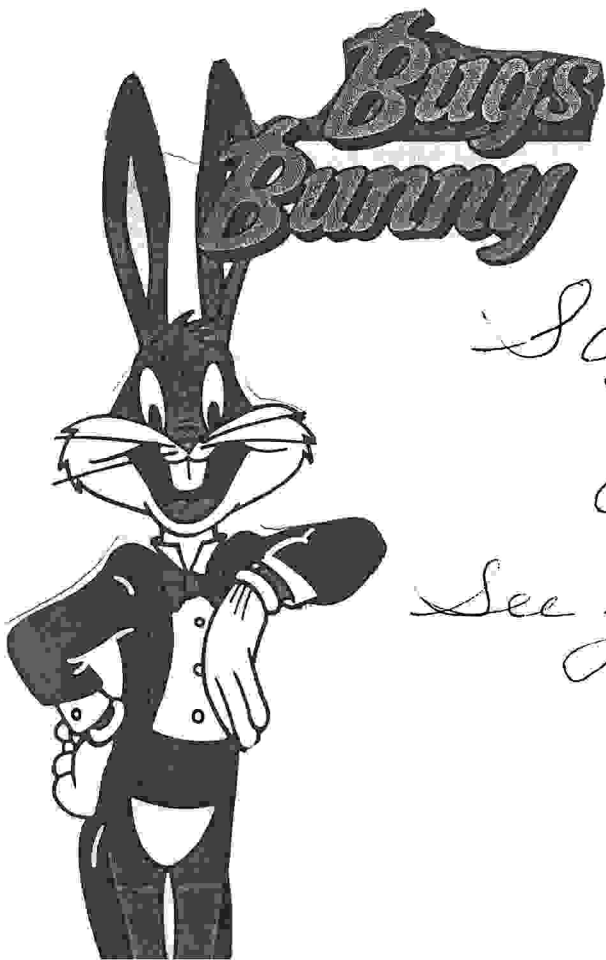
EDITORIAL - After seeing all the hard work and time spent around the park by the council and all the folks who give of their time for dinners, socials, breakfasts and special events I wanted to know what do they and we benefit. So...I had a telephone interview with one of our council members who has been at it for a long time.

It was told to me that in the beginning the Carnival earned under a \$1000.00 but since then it has skyrocketed and that is due to all the go-getters adding bigger and better things each year. I was very surprised to learn that the big money makers are the Carnival, pancake breakfasts and last but not least, TIN CANS. That really surprised me! After attending so many dinners and seeing a full house I expected them to be making money like Maxwell Plum of NY, but low and behold, dinners break even or just make a small profit. There have been a few times that they didn't; and here I've been thinking they were making money hands over fists. But when you stop and think what it costs to grocery shop just for 2 or 3 people, without appetizers and delicious deserts it made sense. The prices of dinners at the Hall are a real bargain. The meals are homecooked, fresh food, not stuff that has gone from the freezer to the microwave and well balanced and prepared in such a fashion that even with dietary problems, there is a meal that will fit you, at least once a year. The time of dinners is another thing, they vary to please, since some of us like to eat early and some of us later on in the day. Another point to consider, that at the price of gasoline, dressing up and tipping is also a money saver. FOLKS, HAVE WE GOT A DEAL!

Some information that I gleaned I am going to share with you, especially for the newer folks in the park that doesn't know what the money that is raised has purchased. This is not all the items by any means, but will give you a good idea.:

- refrigerator/freezer
- tables/chairs
- drinking fountain
- doctors scale
- piano tuning and repairs
- bingo machine
- sunshine supplies
- Sweetheart Party (\$150.00 - \$200.00 each year)
- all paper products in the kitchen
- stage drapes
- all shuffleboard, horseshoe and card night supplies
- TV and VCR.
- printing of newsletter (\$130.00-\$150.00 per month)

Where else can we go, spend our money and then get all this in return. Even Bank's don't give out this type of interest.



*Says. That's
all Folks!
See you in the fall*